

Parent Bulletin

24th November 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

Christmas is clearly coming! We approach December with the growing excitement of the Christmas and all the good cheer that brings, both in school and through the holidays. As part of that preparation we will soon be getting our Christmas tree and decorations up; **Christmas Jumper Day** is approaching (7th December) when students can wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their school jumper or school blazer, with a prize for the best Christmas Jumper; **Christmas Lunches** will follow with the formal Christmas Lunch on Monday 18th; Christmas Market Lunch on Tuesday 19th December; and Roast Turkey for lunch as the main meal available to all students on Wednesday 20th December!

Parent LAB Member - Leanne Bridgewood, the Chair of our Local Advisory Body (LAB), is no longer acting as one of our Parent LAB Members. This means there is an opportunity for a parent of a student in the school to become a new LAB member and represent the parent body at our termly LAB meetings. Parent LAB members are selected by parent vote, but the first step is to share your expression of interest. If you would like to be considered as a Parent LAB member, please email the school at: headteacher@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk with the subject line 'Parent LAB Member'.

INSET Days - A brief reminder that we have an INSET day on **Monday 27th November** and **Friday 8th December**. For both INSET days the school will be closed to students with limited staff on site. The first day enables us to hold essential training for staff, spread throughout the year in the evenings; the second day is a training conference bringing together all the staff from across our family of schools to train together. A number of students are performing as part of the conference and we are extremely grateful for their support - a chance to celebrate the remarkable talent we have at Cheslyn Hay on a massive stage! These days also serve as a chance for students (and staff) to recharge during this longest term in the year and help maintain their energy and focus right up to the end of term.

Sleep Advice - As part of our drive to improve student attendance, I am sharing an advice booklet on 'Sleep'. Sleep is an essential part of young people's (and adult's) health and has a significant impact on their mental health and wellbeing. Supporting your child in achieving 8-9 hours of sleep a night will have a significant positive impact on their health and wellbeing and help to ensure they are more likely and able to both attend school and maintain their concentration and focus through the day. Try and take the time to work with your child to form positive sleep habits and routines: in an age filled with screens and digital technology it is all too easy for them to form bad habits that interfere with their sleep patterns.

Thank you all in the last few weeks for your support in improving the attendance of our students - I am pleased to say that attendance has been rising, please do continue to encourage your child to come in every day - every day of learning matters and has an impact on their future!

Yours faithfully

Tom Macdonald
Headteacher



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Notices

Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27th November - 1st December	Inset Day (School Closed)			Year 7 - Year 11 Flu Vaccinations	
4th December - 8th December				Geography Trip Aspire Sixth	INSET DAY (School Closed)
Future Events	Monday 27th November INSET DAY (school closed) Friday 8th December INSET Day (school closed) Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Concert				

Bus Passes - If your child has lost their bus pass, please contact Staffordshire County Council on 01785 895 024 to request a replacement. They will then authorise us to issue a temporary bus pass: unfortunately we are asked not to issue temporary passes without their approval.

Hardship Fund - The school has established a small hardship fund to support students who are facing financial difficulties. This fund can be used to support school based activities (trips and visits; required resources; access to activities in school; participation in sporting events) where finance might otherwise be a barrier. Funding is limited and we review applications made during a term on a case by case basis at the end of each term, or in emergency situations. Each request is reviewed on its own merits and support is discretionary. We are seeking ways to increase this funding through the use of non-uniform days or other fundraising activities. If you would like to make a hardship application, please contact the school at Headteacher@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk explaining why you are making the application; what difference it would make to your child; and any other information that might support your application.



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Useful Info

[WAT student and parent website](#)
[Class Charts Parents' Information Guide](#)
[Cheslyn Hay Academy Website](#)
[Revision Guide for Parents](#)

Remote Education

If you have any questions about remote education please contact Mr. Hood at info@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Student illness

Please let us know if your child is ill by reporting the absence through the Class Charts App or website. If your child is too ill to access the work via their Google Classrooms, please add this detail to the dialogue box. Please let us know how long you think they will be unable to complete the work and if the illness is suspected coronavirus

Questions or queries

General questions or concerns about your child, the work set or other issues please email CHA-HoH@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Updates and messages

The Student and Parent site is regularly updated with messages and guidance [Student and Parent / Carer Remote Working Guidance website.](#)

iPad for Learning Scheme

If you are a Key Stage 3 parent and would like to know more about our exciting new scheme, please email ghood@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Technical Support for Google Classroom

For technical support, such as password resets, please use the technical help request on the Student and Parent site [Tech Help](#)

Safeguarding

The Cheslyn Hay Academy Safeguarding Team members are

Ms L Podmore
Mr D Wigg
Mrs S Saunders
Mrs K Spooner

Mrs J Bonser
Mr M Bourne

Please email cha-sgt@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk if you have any concerns.

However, if you have a safeguarding concern about a child please call First Response on **0300 111 8007** outside of the school's hours. If there is an urgent response needed please phone 999 or 111

For anything else please email headteacher@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk or use the contact us page on our website [Contact](#)

Term Dates 23/24



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Autumn Term 2023

Inset Day: Monday 27 November
Inset Day: Friday 8 December
Term Ends: Friday 22 December
Holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January
Half Term: Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February
Term Ends: Friday 22 March
Holiday: Monday 25 March - Friday 5 April

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday April
Half Term: Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May
Inset Day: Friday 21 June
Term Ends: Friday 19 July
Inset Day: Monday 22 July
Holidays: Tuesday 23 July - Friday 30 August