

Parent Bulletin

25th November 2022



Dear Parents

I am so pleased to have been able to share with you the Ofsted report this week - what a wonderful testament to the hard work and dedication of students and staff over the past 4 years. Thank you too to all of the notes of congratulations we have received, this does indeed mark an important milestone in the development of our school.

That being said, whilst this is important - we are very pleased to be 'Good' in all categories - it is a milestone on a longer journey of improvement and we will always want to do more! However pleased we are in receiving this grading, we are always keen to get better and will continue to work to ensure your children can get the very best education we can offer - next stop 'Outstanding'!

We also enjoyed our Year 11 Parents' Evening this week with a change in format: all of our meetings took place in the sports hall and the feedback on this approach was very positive. We will soon conduct a survey with parents on the best approaches to Parents' evenings and share the feedback on this new approach.

Finally, a reminder that we have a shorter week next week as we take one of our annual 'INSET' days and focus on the development of our curriculum. This means the schools will be closed to all students on Friday 2nd December.

Have a great weekend!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Macdonald'.

Tom Macdonald
Headteacher

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Children in Need

Mrs K Spooner



Last Friday, students and staff had a spot-tastic day raising money for Children in Need. We raised a total of £1,041.00 and are still counting!

Crested Schoolwear

CRESTED
SCHOOLWEAR

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TRUTEX SCHOOLWEAR

WE HAVE MOVED



FROM THE 1ST DECEMBER YOU WILL FIND US
7 PARK STREET, WALSALL, WS1 1LY
LOCATED ON THE HIGH STREET IN WALSALL TOWN CENTRE

Anti-Bullying Week



Last week was Anti-Bullying week. Every student in key stages 3 and 4 have had assemblies focusing on what bullying is and how we deal with it in our school through our STOP policy (Several Times on Purpose). Students have also been completing tasks during tutor time to spread awareness and consider how we can work collaboratively as a school to defeat bullying through kindness and courage.

Bank Holiday



In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6th May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8th May 2023.

Digital Learning

Mr G Hood



Another reminder that if a year 7 - 10 student forgets their iPad, forgets to charge their iPad or if it is in for repair, they should borrow a Chromebook from the Digital Learning Training Centre (DLTC). There is no reason for any student in these year groups to be in lessons without a 1-2-1 device to complete their work. If a student borrows a device and habitually fails to return it, they will have to leave their phone with us in return for a loan device next time. Phones are returned at the end of the day when the loan device is returned. If a student needs to make an urgent phone call during the day, they should visit Student Services who will arrange for that to happen; students should not be using their mobiles during the school day.

Also, a reminder that students and parents can access the homework calendar via Class Charts (either the student or the parent app). Most often, the calendar will redirect the students to their Google Classroom where the work and resources are posted. If a student is absent from school, they can access the work they missed via Google Classroom as soon as they are able. This means that an unavoidable absence from school will not result in missed learning or a gap in their knowledge. If a student needs support completing the work on Google Classroom, they can email their

teacher or leave a message via Google Classroom.

Finally, we are transitioning to online behaviour report cards via Class Charts. If a student is placed on an online behaviour monitoring report by their tutor, their Head of House or a member of SLT, parents can view their progress via the Class Charts Parents App. We hope you find this improved communication useful.

School Lottery



Our school PTA run a lottery which raises funds to support our students. The prize each month varies depending on how many people are in the draw, however it usually between £250-£300 a month. If you would like to join, please contact Rose Chambers, PTA Chair, on 01922 415273. It costs just £5.00 per month to in with a chance to win!

Dyspraxia Foundation

South Staffordshire Parent/Carer Support Group have asked us to let parents know that they are holding a meeting on Thursday 8th December. The meeting is from 7:30am until 8:30pm at Codsall Community Fire Station, WV8 1JS/ Please email ssdyspraxia@yahoo.com if you wish to attend.

Safeguarding Update

Miss L Podmore

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing including issues with other students within the school please

contact your child's Head of House to bring this to their attention so that this can be resolved as swiftly as possible. If the concern is related to safeguarding then please contact a member of the safeguarding team. See contact details below:

Useful Information

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

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

Help with Google Classroom

The Student and Parent site has guidance and help with any questions on how to use Google classroom

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
- Mr M Bourne
- Mrs J Bonser
- Mr C Baker

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 22/23

Inset Days (school closed to students):

Monday 5th September
Friday 30th September
Friday 2nd December
Monday 26th June
Monday 24th July
Tuesday 25th July

Autumn Term 2022

Inset day: Monday 5 September
Term starts: Tuesday 6 September
Inset day: Friday 30th September
Holiday: Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October
Inset day: Friday 2nd December
Term ends: Friday 16 December
Holiday: Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January

Spring Term 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 3 January
Holiday: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February
Term ends: Friday 31 March
Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April
Easter Sunday: Sunday 9 April

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17 April
May Day: Monday 1 May
Additional Bank Holiday - Monday 8th May
Holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June
Inset day: Monday 26th June
Term ends: Friday 21 July
Inset day: 24th July and 25th July
Holiday: Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September