



# Parent Bulletin

6th January 2023

Dear Parents

Welcome back, and a happy new year to all! I do hope you have all had a chance for a break and some much needed family time during the holidays - it does feel like a long time since we have been able to have a 'normal' Christmas break.

We start this term recharged, then, with a renewed focus and determination to make sure this year our children can have a strong and positive education. Thank you to all parents for continuing to support our focus on standards and expectations. We do still have some students bringing in hoodies and jewellery and we will continue to tackle these low level challenges, so thank you in advance for your support in ensuring we have an ethos of high expectations, high aspiration and high achievement across our school.

You will notice that we have changed the format of our bulletin - please follow the main link below to view updates and information about our school. This takes you to the 'news and blogs' section of our website where we will post useful information and news events. We have made this change to make it easier to find relevant information and see key messages at a glance. Other critical information will also be shared directly with you as a letter when necessary. You will also notice that we are increasing our communication through ClassCharts, please do make sure you have downloaded and checked the app regularly.

This letter will be sent weekly as a shorter bulletin, as well as being uploaded to the 'News and Blogs' page as well. The letter will include a message from me along with more select selection of some other school information (e.g. safeguarding updates).

One key update that I would like to draw Year 10 parents' attention to is a change to our planned Year 10 Parents' Evening. We have changed the date of this evening, so will **not** have a Year 10 Parents' Evening in January and will confirm a new date later in this term.

Finally, we know that 'flu, COVID-19 and other infectious disease levels are high across the country and we are keen to limit the impact on our community. Please do encourage your children to take sensible precautions to avoid spreading disease: washing hands more regularly; covering mouth when coughing or sneezing; and other general precautions that we have all become familiar with over the past few years.

Have a great weekend!

**Tom Macdonald**  
Headteacher

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## Digital Learning

Mr G Hood



Students in years 7-10 continue to exploit the power of the iPads in their lessons. This week, I saw Year 8 Geography students using Google Sheets to construct climate graphs, using some of the built-in functions to analyse the data. I've also seen a whole class of students using the true/false statements in the WAT AFL App to express their understanding of digital vs analogue in computer science. Using this app, the understanding of all students was assessed, not just the few volunteers with their hands up! This provides an opportunity for the teacher to intervene where incorrect responses are provided before continuing; making sure that no student is left behind and unsure.

Finally, a reminder that the Class Charts app for parents remains our main communication platform. Most parents are now accessing the app but, if you are yet to register, just drop Mr Hood an email stating your child's name and tutor group (please send from your email account identified in the school's records). The Class Charts app provides details of rewards, sanctions, timetable, homework, detentions, attendance, etc. It really helps us to work together in partnership more effectively.

## 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.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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
- Mr M Bourne
- Mrs J Bonser
- Mr C Baker

Please email [cha-sgt@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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