

# Parent Bulletin

8th October 2022



Dear Parents

I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself to you and thank you and your children for the wonderfully warm welcome I have received at Cheslyn Hay Academy this week.

I am incredibly pleased and privileged to have been invited to be the new Headteacher at Cheslyn Hay - a school I have watched and worked with for 9 years now! I first moved to the West Midlands in 2013 to set up a new school, West Midlands Construction UTC, in Wolverhampton. At that time I was new to the area but found myself welcomed by Ms Crookshank at the team at Cheslyn Hay - so much so that I recruited a member of her team, Simon Maxfield, to be my Vice Principal. I then moved to Kingswinford Academy, one of our sister schools in Windsor Academy Trust, in 2017 and felt the enormous benefit of the support of our family of schools. I watched, then, as Cheslyn Hay joined our trust and have been working collaboratively with the school ever since. When the opportunity arose to lead this school, I jumped at the chance: a chance to work with some incredible staff, amazing students and be part of a fantastic community.

Already through this week I have seen much of the great strength in this school and we can feel very proud of the journey we are on. There is more to do and I have every expectation that our school will become a leading light in our region and a beacon of excellence - there is so much potential in our staff, students and community! I hope you will join me in maintaining the highest expectations, aspirations and standards across our school to make sure we give all of our students - all of your children - the very best education, support and experience.

I look forward to meeting with you in person and will arrange some opportunities to do just that in the near future. Until then, I thank you again for your welcome to Cheslyn Hay.

Have a great weekend

A handwritten signature in purple ink, which appears to read 'Tom Macdonald'.

**Tom Macdonald**  
Headteacher

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## Mobile Technology

Mr C Baker



As we continue with our high expectation and culture across the school we have noticed an increasing number of students using their mobile phones and earphones around school. This has been particularly apparent when students are leaving class during lessons and in the toilets.

A reminder, these are prohibited items and should be kept out of sight during the school day. As per school policy, if a student is seen with their phone, it will be confiscated until the end of the day (3:00pm).

If you need to contact your child during school hours please call school reception (01922 416024) and staff will ensure your child receives the relevant message.

We would appreciate it if you could refrain from contacting your child directly on their mobile phone during the day.

## Active Youth

Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre



Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre are offering 'Active Youth' sessions in their Fitness Suite on Wednesday evenings. The sessions are available for students between the ages of 13 and 16 and cost only £2.00 per session. Booking is essential so if your child is interested in these sessions, please contact the Leisure Centre directly for a booking form.

## Classcharts

Miss F Dziegiel



Classcharts is used as a main platform of communication with parents. Please ensure you register your parent login to keep up to date with your child's progress, attendance and school announcements.

If you have not received your login in details, please contact Mr Hood on [ghood@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:ghood@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

## School Photos

Mr C Baker



Photo proofs will be sent home with students following the school photos being taken last week.

The deadline for ordering these from Braiswick is 9:00am on Monday 17th October 2022.

## School Show 2023

Mrs A Wild



## University Applicants

Mr R Allen

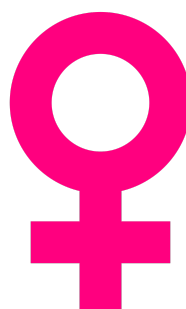


We are incredibly proud to have 7 students who are either applying for places at Oxford and Cambridge university or applying for medical degrees.

Katie R, Freya C, Jacob T, Emilia J, Abi F, Oliver G and Megan T - we are wishing you all the best of luck!

## Sanitary Products

Miss L Podmore



We would like to remind and inform new parents that we are part of the government scheme to supply free sanitary products to girls in year 7-13. We have a group of sixth formers who will be promoting it in school and speaking to the students in tutor time. There are also members of staff that are supporting the scheme that you or your daughter could contact. These are Miss Podmore, Mrs Arm, Miss Till, Mrs Spicer-Tomlinson, Mrs Spooner, Mrs Mason, Mrs Pearson, Mrs Saunders and Miss Bonser.



## Roadworks

Miss F Dziegiel



From the 10th October to the 9th December, Station Street in Cheslyn Hay will be closed for work to be carried out. This is likely to cause delays during periods of heavy traffic such as the school run.

## Mental Wellbeing

Mrs N Arm

Monday 10th October marks World Mental Health Awareness Day. To promote this day students will be receiving information during registration to help support their mental health and wellbeing. They will also receive information about the support that is available to them in school.



If you have concerns about your child/children's mental health there are various websites you can visit to get further information and support. There are also online chat services and numbers that parents and children can call or text for further emotional support. A link to these can be found on our website [here](#).

However, if you feel someone's life is at risk because they have seriously injured themselves or taken an overdose, or if you feel you cannot keep yourself or someone else safe from immediate risk, call 999.

## Anti-Bullying

Mrs Spicer-Tomlinson



In school, the STOP (**S**everal **T**imes **O**n **P**urpose) policy is promoted amongst our Students. Heads of House will be presenting this to students over the next few weeks. For further information or to discuss this in advance with your child, please follow this link to our [website page](#).

## Aspire For Life

Mrs J Burton

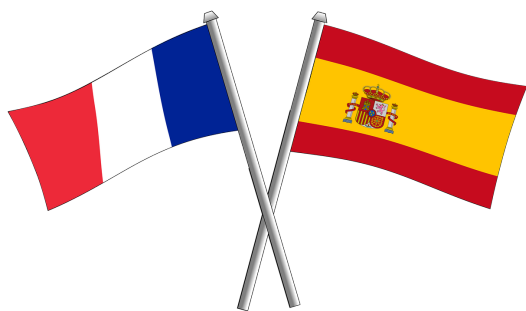


We're very proud to say how well our first Aspire For Life day has gone this week. Students have learnt valuable lessons in RSE, mental health, well being, career's and finance.

Our next Aspire For Life day will be on the 9th November and will mainly focus on career's activities. If you or someone you know can support any career's events please email Mrs Burton [jbarton@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:jbarton@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

## MFL Champions

Mrs L Binns



### Courageous Speakers

Ruby Blackshaw  
Alfie Naylor-Uren  
Freddy Christie  
Autumn Henderson  
Ellexus Davies  
Rhya Clarke  
Alfie Robinson  
Dylan Alexander  
Ava Smith  
Akaia Spinks

### Responsible MFL Stars

Harrison Postles  
Emily Ranford  
Max Moti  
Loic Moti  
Ben Davies  
Hope Gracey  
Michael Pardoe  
Emmy Richardson  
Frazer Rose  
Harvey Singh  
Daisy Winter

### Self Quizzers

Mia-Ava Cox  
Archie Dixon  
Eva Morgan  
Tyler W-B  
Eve Hartley  
Emily Selvey  
Charly Smith  
Jessie James  
Charlie Spragg  
Henri Nicholls

## Year 11 Update

Mr A Cox



Our Year 11 students are coping brilliantly with the challenges of their final GCSE year. Every student has had a one-to-one meeting with a senior member of staff to discuss their progress and it was obvious how positive and determined they are as a group. So many individuals could confidently and eloquently discuss their ambitions and how they plan to achieve them, along with some well-thought out and manageable revision strategies. In addition to this, over 200 students have attended period 7 revision sessions on each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. This approach, where additional revision support is spread over the year, will benefit the students greatly in the long term and it is great to see that the students are willing to put in that 'bit extra' in a year that provides so much opportunity for them. Even at this early stage, we are incredibly proud of the students in Year 11 and are confident that they will have an exceptional year. All Year 11 parents should have received a letter regarding the information evening next Thursday. It begins at 6:30pm and will last for one hour. Please complete the form within the letter to indicate your intention to attend.

## Super-Curriculum Timetable

Miss L Horobin



We offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities for students to take part in. Please take a look at our timetable which can be found on the website [here](#).

## Work Experience

Mrs J Burton



During the summer term, our Year 10 students will be able to attend a work experience placement. You can find further information in a letter from Mrs Burton which can be found [here](#).

## Safeguarding Update

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:

**Safeguarding at Cheslyn Hay Academy**

If you don't feel safe, or if you are concerned for the safety of another student then we are here to help.

Our focus is to ensure the wellbeing of all students within our care.

**Staff:**

- Miss Podmore (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Saunders (Deputy DSL)
- Mrs Spooner (Deputy DSL)
- Mr Bourne (Deputy DSL)
- Ms Crookshank (Deputy DSL)
- Mr Wigg (Deputy DSL)
- Mrs Cooke (Deputy DSL)
- Miss Bonser (Deputy DSL)
- Mr Baker (Deputy DSL)

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

## 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)

### 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](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  
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