

Parent Bulletin

9th December 2022



Dear Parents

This has been a wonderful week full of Christmas spirit across the school as our Christmas celebrations have stepped up a notch! In particular, our Christmas Concert and Christmas Jumper day today - both of which have lifted our spirits and brought smiles to our whole community. The concert on Wednesday night deserves particular mention: a fantastic celebration of student performance with some wonderful 'sing-along' moments! The whole show was amazing but there were some truly incredible performances - in particular renditions of 'The Power of Love' and 'A Spaceman Came Travelling'!

More Christmas spirit ahead in our final week of term with Christmas Lunches, a Christmas Fayre, Rewards Assemblies and a whole school Christmas Assembly! It has been sometime since schools have been able to properly celebrate Christmas and we are so pleased to be able to celebrate the season properly with our community.

Have a great weekend!



Tom Macdonald
Headteacher

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Aspire Sixth Christmas Fayre

Miss L Horobin



Students in Aspire Sixth are holding a Christmas Fayre on Thursday 15th December in the Sixth Form Centre. Students from all year groups are welcome to attend at lunchtime to see the stalls and games on offer. Students will need to bring a small amount of cash. All money raised is being donated to the Aspire Sixth foodbank appeal

Last Day Arrangements

Mr C Baker



Friday 16th December will be a non-uniform day for all students and staff with a Christmas theme. The day will start as normal but there will be an early finish. Students will depart school at 12:40pm with school buses departing at 12:50pm.

Christmas Dinner

Miss F Dziegiel



Students have been given the option to book a Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 13th or Wednesday 14th December. Here is a sneak preview of what will be on offer

Christmas Jumper Day

Miss F Dziegiel



Seasonal Illness

Miss F Dziegiel

At this time of year, as normal, we see an increase in seasonal illness. In particular seasonal 'flu, COVID and Strep A. Whilst the risks to young people of all of these illnesses are extremely low, we are keen to keep our community well for Christmas so that all can enjoy a well earned holiday break with family.

With that in mind, we encourage students, staff and families to take the usual sensible precautions to limit the spread of minor illnesses: washing hands regularly; covering mouth and nose when sneezing/coughing; and taking particular care to wash and cover minor cuts, scrapes and insect bites.

For more information please see the [NHS website](#) for help and advice or contact your GP or NHS direct on 111.

Digital Learning

Mr G Hood



The iPads are a great tool for powering-up our curriculum and helping students to realise their personal and academic potential. We know that, as parents, you may wish to support your child to complete homework or revisit work completed in school and that the use of iPads may be a barrier for you. Therefore, we recommend that you visit the Secondary Student Digital Learning Hub; the place to identify digital solutions to common learning scenarios and access tutorials. Here are some examples:

- A student may use the SimpleMind mind map tool to organise their thoughts and ideas. [Click here](#) for a tutorial.
- A student may construct a documentary to demonstrate their full understanding using the iMovie app. [Click here](#) for a tutorial.
- A student may use the Google Task or Google Keep apps to stay organised; keeping to-do lists or making notes. [Click here](#) for a tutorial.

To see other examples of how students are using iPads to power-up their learning, visit our [WAT Digital Learning Showcase](#).

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.

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

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