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Dear Parents

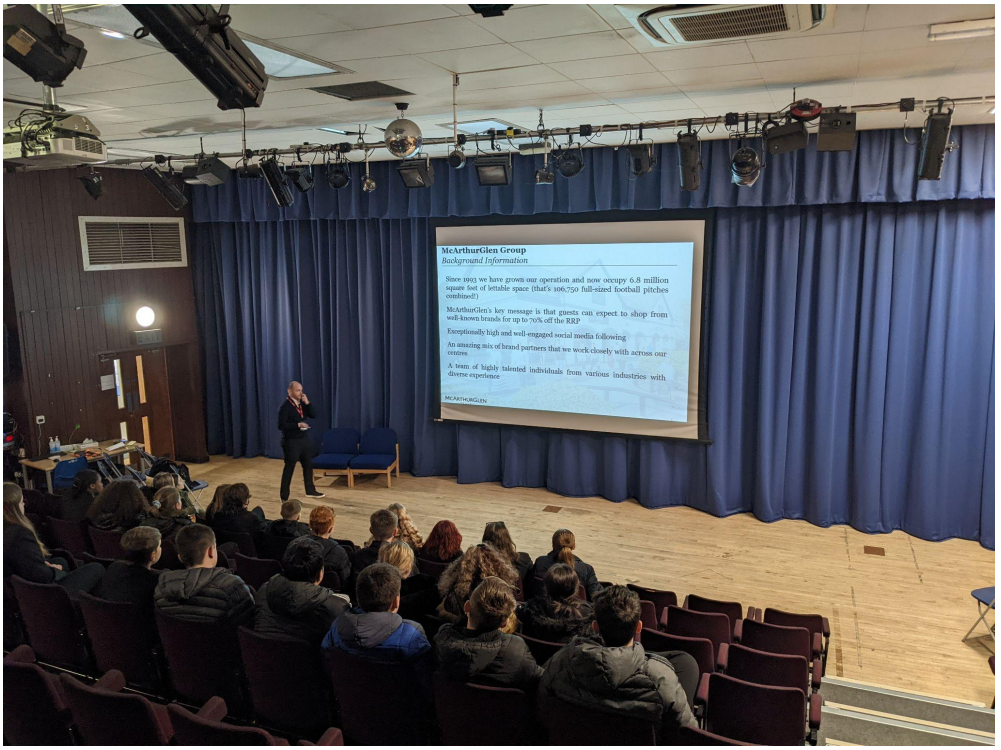
We have had a busy few weeks with a number of visitors in school during our Aspire for Life day, as well as a visit from MacArthur Glen and the first visit from our new CEO, Miss Dawn Haywood. During Miss Haywood's visit, as well as a tour of the school, she held a Year 11 assembly with the opportunity for students to ask questions, she met the Student Senate and held a Student Forum with students from all year groups discussing their experiences at Cheslyn Hay and their hopes for the future. We had excellent feedback from everyone who visited the school and a large number of students have been involved in these activities and were a credit to themselves and the school.

Parents' Evening and Period 7s
On Thursday we have our Year 9 Parents Evening (virtual), therefore there will be no Period 7 lessons for Year 11 students.

Aspire for Life
On Tuesday 1st February we held our third Aspire For Life day across the whole school. Our students were learning about a variety of topics from hygiene to first aid. The highlight for many older students was our visiting speaker Alison Cope who talked about the dangers of social media including some Tik Tok trends and how these have found teenagers in trouble with the law. She also addressed the rising number of violent crimes and how she lost her son. A very emotional but hard hitting message was delivered.

Our ASPIRE Sixth students had an enjoyable and informative day for our ASPIRE day. Sessions included a fabulously thought provoking anti-violence talk which has provoked some real depth of thought and empathy from our students. University cooking was very popular with students preparing a stir-fry; whilst informative talks about university finance, apprenticeships and the LGBTQ+ ensured a really valuable day for our Sixth formers. The students were a credit to the school; enthusiastic, respectful to our external visitors, and real role models to our younger students. We look forward to our next ASPIRE day in March.

McArthur Glen Visit
On Thursday lunchtime some of our budding entrepreneurs met with Mr Scott, the retail manager of our new local designer outlet McArthur Glen. He delivered an informative presentation on the world of business and the students even heard about some top secrets about their future expansion. The students really appreciated the visit and we're looking forward to working with McArthur Glen in the future.



Cashless Payments
It has been brought to our attention that some students are using their debit cards to purchase food from the canteen. Students should be using the cashless system via ParentPay to purchase any food in school. As with any other valuable item, we strongly recommend that they are not brought into school to minimise the risk of them being lost.
Aspire Sixth students are permitted to use a debit card should they need to.

School Lottery
Our P.T.A runs a school lottery with all funds going directly to the school which enables us to purchase additional resources for our students. The prize money for those involved varies each month depending on the number of parents who are in the draw but it can sometimes exceed £300.00. If you would like to join the school lottery or if you would like further details, please contact Rose Chambers (P.T.A Chair) on 01922 415273.

Parent Pay
Please ensure you are regularly checking your child's parent pay account for money spent at lunch and break. It's important that if you do not want your child to purchase food, you have this discussion with them. If you would like to inform the kitchen staff of any spending limits you wish your child to have, please email info@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk
Persistent non payment of outstanding money will be passed to our Finance team to pursue.

Exam Contingency Day 2022:
The awarding bodies have designated **Wednesday 29 June 2022** as a 'contingency day' for examinations. Students should be available to attend examinations until this date in case any of the awarding bodies feel the need to invoke their contingency plan due to local or national disruption.

iPad / Digital Learning Update
We continue to trial the permanent 'At Home' mode for iPads in key-stage 3, where devices become personal devices with access to general app store apps after school hours. Challenging technical issues are being addressed and we hope to be in a position to launch across all key-stage 3 years groups soon.

A recent external inspection highlighted the effective use of iPads to power-up learning in key-stage 3, including the use of our unique WAT Core Apps to check that every child understands the lesson content 'live' in the lesson before the teacher moves the learning on. The advantage over traditional, historic teaching strategies is that this ensures that no child 'is left behind' through a lack of understanding. We are currently testing the use of additional

‘live’ quizzing tools to further develop this strategy, providing the teacher with more detailed in-lesson data to identify those students who need a little extra help or a different style of explanation.

We continue to add more apps to the students’ devices to support learning. Most recent additions include:

- WAT Aspire App (provides students with access to information and strategies to develop our trust Aspire Skills and Learner Traits)
- Socratic (helps students to independently ‘become unstuck’)
- Hologo (supports the use of augmented reality in lessons)
- IDL Literacy (supports students with learning barriers to improve reading skills)

Teachers are continually reviewing and updating schemes of work to exploit these opportunities and support mechanisms.

House News

We launched two new house competitions this week; Cheslyn Hay's Got Talent and the British Science Competition. Details for these competitions are on the tutor group classrooms. We look forward to seeing your entries.

British Science Week 2022

The theme for British Science Week 2022 poster competition is 'Growth'.

Top 5 will be the schools entries into British Science Week 2022

Here's the lowdown on what the judges will be looking for:

- Creativity in approach – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme
- Content – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic
- Effective communication – presented and communicated in an engaging way

Your poster could explore a tadpole's journey into a fully grown adult frog, or look at the ways population growth is affecting the planet as long as it fits the theme it can be entered

LFT

Please continue to inform the school of any positive tests and continue to use the Google links to keep our records accurate.

Year 7	Year 7 LFT Result
Year 8	Year 8 LFT Result
Year 9	Year 9 LFT Result
Year 10	Year 10 LFT Result
Year 11	Year 11 LFT Result
Year 12	Year 12 LFT Result
Year 13	Year 13 LFT Result

Enrichment

Please see the overview of clubs taking place below,which has staff initials and rooms attached to encourage your child to get involved in school life.

Super-curricular enrichment timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Y8-11 **12:45-1:15pm**	LMI/SMO Veggie Club G10 LRO Y12 Gothic Horror club E7	FFR Spanish Y10/11 G8	Art staff Art club Art dept SMI Y8/9 Basketball club SH NOS Band practice	KPA Y8-10 Trampolining MFS SCA Spanish newsletter LBI French Club Y9/10 G7 SMO/LMI 6th Form Reading	SPO Fitness Suite Y10/11 SRU Football Y10/11 RAL 6th Form Debating club G3

				for pleasure G10	
Lunch Y7 **1:35-2:05pm**	NAR Y7 Trampolining Club MFS SMI Y7 Basketball Club SH	AJA Debating club G9		NOS Keyboard club	
After school **3:10-4pm**	MS SEGWAY group SFC CW Badminton Y7/9 SH NAR/LHO Netball Y7/10 Courts Rugby Club Y7/8/9/10 Astro RMA Dystopian Reading Y8/9 E3	LLU Science club Y7/8 S7 SMI Basketball Y7-9 SH KPA Girls Football Y7-10 Astro PGI/RCM Maths club - 6th Form L4	THI/TPO Chess club SNN/AQU Y7 and 8 Maths super challenge ARE/JHU Y9 and 10 Maths super challenge	KPA Netball Y8/9 SH NSP History club	SRU/SPO Y7-9 Football SMI Y10-11 Basketball KT Y7-9 Swimming Pool NOS/AWI/JSM Show rehearsals

Modern Foreign Languages Champions

Aspire / Character Education

Cheslyn Hay Academy

HIGH EXPECTATION, HIGH ACHIEVEMENT

ASPIRE Character Education in Cheslyn Hay Academy

This week, year 7 and 8 had an assembly on Mr Ngor, aka the Doughnut Man. As a refugee to America, he went from rags to riches twice by making his fame and fortune in doughnuts. He managed to build an empire that now stocks doughnuts in many of his own shops as well as reputable department stores. The students were challenged to reach their personal potential by following in his footsteps by implementing the character traits of *courage, resilience and creativity* to reach their dreams.

The rest of the school have also explored the work and innovations of Ada Lovelace and Hedy Lamarr by exploring their innovations and reflecting on how they would have had to use *resilience* in their everyday lives to allow their innovations to get the credit that they rightly deserve.

Please continue to encourage your son/ daughter to communicate their ASPIRE sentence clearly to you at home. The more they are familiar with this, the faster they will recognise their personal potential.

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.

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

Keeping up to date
Letters and parent bulletins can be found on Parents or Publications pages of the school website. Follow us on social media https://www.facebook.com/CheslynHayAcademy and https://twitter.com/CHAcademyTweets

Student illness
Please let us know if your child is ill and unable to complete their Google Classroom work by emailing info@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk 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

Update 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
- Ms N Crookshank
- Mr D Wigg
- Mrs S Saunders
- Mrs K Spooner
- Mr M Bourne
- Mrs J Bonser
- Mrs M Cooke
- 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 2021/22

Inset Days (school closed to students):
Thursday 2nd September
Friday 24th September
Monday 29th November
Friday 10th December
Friday 28th January
Monday 27th June

Autumn Term 2021

Term Starts: Friday 3 September (Lateral Flow Testing only)
Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October
Term ends: Friday 17 December - 12.35pm close
Holiday: Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

Spring Term 2022
Term Starts: Tuesday 4 January
Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February
Term ends: Friday 8 April
Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April
Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

Summer Term 2022
Term starts: Monday 25 April
May Day: Monday 2 May
Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June
Term ends: Thursday 21 July -12.35pm close
Holiday: Friday 21 July – Friday 2 September