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Parental Bulletin 21st January 2022

Dear Parents

Although it has only been a few weeks we have already had a number of changes regarding Covid and I would like to thank you for your on-going and overwhelming support as the guidance continues to change. As always we continually reassess our risk assessment, monitor the Covid situation in school and seek guidance from Public Health England when making any changes. Following the most recent guidance we will not be requiring students to wear face coverings in classrooms next week though the requirements for face coverings in communal areas will continue until the following week. We are seeking clarification regarding school transport but face covering will certainly be required next week. Despite the on-going changes, students have responded well to the start of term and our expectations in terms of uniform, masks and lanyards. We are pleased with their attitude and approach to school and are continuing to engage well in their lessons and they should be commended for their approach to school life.

COVID-19 Changes

Following the most recent Government announcement, please see below the following changes to Covid-19 procedures:

- From Monday 24th January, staff and students are no longer required to wear facemasks in classrooms.
- From Thursday 27th January, staff and students are no longer required to wear facemasks in communal areas and corridors.

Please note that changes to the easing of these restrictions may be made at any time based on advice from Public Health England.

Parents' Evening and Period 7s

On Wednesday we have our Year 10 Parents Evening (virtual), therefore there will be no Period 7 lessons for Year 11 students.

INSET Days

A reminder that we have an INSET day on Friday 28th January 2022.

Adverse weather / Emergency closure

We wanted to remind all parents of protocols if we have adverse weather and/or any forced closure of school. Wherever possible, decisions to close the school, would be made before 7.30am after a risk assessment has been carried out. We will use our normal lines of communication, which include:

- text message
- website
- social media
- local radio

- Staffordshire County Council School Closure Website

Please note that the school reception is likely to be very busy at these times so contact via email to the info@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk is the best way to contact us.

In the highly unlikely event of closure during the school day, text messages will be sent and students will be encouraged to call and make contact home. We will arrange for school transport to arrive as soon as possible. Students who walk to school will be allowed to leave and for those students who travel by car, school will remain open until they are collected. Please ensure contact details are updated and accurate on the school system and you have arrangements in place for your child, e.g. access to a spare key / neighbour, if they need to come home during the day.

House News

We currently have two house competitions running; a DT plastics challenge and a business studies competition to design your own business. The deadline for these competitions is 27th January. The following week we will be launching a performing arts competition and a science competition so keep an eye out for these on Google classroom and social media.



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**Design and Technology
House Competition**



Plastic challenge

Let's do a little something to look after our environment! There are many reports of plastic being carelessly disposed of, and harming the environment. This competition provides, just a simple way to get people to start thinking about doing things a little differently.

Using a disused plastic drinks bottle create a decorative planter.

- 1 Finish the drink (Obviously)
- 2 Clean the bottle and remove the label
- 3 Carefully cut the bottom half of the bottle to the correct shape.
- 4 Use paint to decorate the bottle
- 5 Add some soil
- 6 Select a plant to grow, this could be a seed, like Cress or a flower or it could be a fake plant.
- 7 Bring your plant to the DT department or Head of House office



**SMALL CHANGES
EVENTUALLY
ADD UP TO HUGE
RESULTS.**

Deadline: 28th January



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**Business Studies
House Competition**



Dragon's Den Challenge!

Using your creative thinking, come up with a new business idea.

You may have all seen Dragon's Den and The Apprentice and seen new business ideas being created.

Your challenge is to think of a new business!

This could be a brand new product or an innovation of something another business currently does. Or it could be a business that does not exist currently in your area and you think there is a gap in the market.

You should then 'pitch' your idea in the form of a report. What is it? Who is the target customer? Where/how would you sell it? What are the benefits of it?

Complete a written proposal and submit your entries to Mrs Gray via email. cgray@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

You can do this individually or in pairs.

Good Luck.....who knows you may become the next big entrepreneur!

Deadline: Friday 28th January

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 for pleasure G10	SPO Fitness Suite Y10/11 SRU Football Y10/11 RAL 6th Form Debating club G3
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	LLU Science club Y7/8 S7 SMI Basketball Y7-9 SH KPA Girls Football Y7-10 Astro PGI/RCM Maths club - 6th Form	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

	Reading Y8/9 E3	L4			
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Modern Foreign Languages Champions



CHA MFL

Champions of the week



<p><u>Courageous Speakers</u></p> <p>Iris Owens 7JCO Mara Duff 7KPA Ellexus Davies 7KPA Scarlett Boyle 7SNN Jack Jesson 7SNN Megan Malone 8ABL Alfie Naylor-Uren 9NOS Katie Haldron 9ARE Darcey Gogerty-Austin 9RGU Kian Wilkes 9STR Eve Killeen 9STR</p>	<p><u>Top self quizzers!</u></p> <p>William Cartwright 7JCO Jack Walker 7JCO Henry Thomas 7KPA Nakai Chinyuku 8ABL Tom Hill 9WHU Oliver Cartlidge 9ARE Edlyn Azu 10TPO Megan Wyborn 10JPO Emily Ranford 10 EGN Bethan Cooke 10 JPO</p>	<p><u>Responsible MFL Stars</u></p> <p>Daisy Taylor 7JCO Milen Klare 7KPA Amelia Rana 7KPA Henry Williams 7KPA Charlie Spragg 7JHU Harvey Hewitt 7JHU Alfie Cooper 8ABL T-C Astbury 9WHU Millie Knipe 9NOS Tia Greenaway 9ARE Christopher Jackson 9RGU Lucy-Jo Grant 9RGU Ethan Pile 9STR</p>
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Aspire / Character Education



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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:

We recognise there is still a lot of uncertainty and anxiety due to the pandemic and children returning to school that may have had an impact on your child's/children's emotional wellbeing. It is hard to watch our young people struggling, especially when you feel there is nobody there to help. To support you during this time please find below information on services provided both locally and nationally which we hope you may find useful. These services are provided mainly online and have been commissioned by either Health, Education or Social Care providers at no cost to you.

This website offers both advice, support, tools and information around many mental health challenges that young people face. They have specific guides for both students and parents/carers, with the aim to empower everyone to support the mental health of the young people in our lives.

Young minds can be accessed via the website below, or by its free 24/7 text support line for young people who are experiencing a mental health crisis.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk>

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
[childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk) | 0800 1111

Childline are there for young people, whatever is on their mind. They will support, guide and help young people make decisions that are right for them,. They will help with tips and techniques, ideas and inspiration, with an aim to ensure they feel more in control of their experiences and emotions.

The website includes advice on many issues children face, including bullying and abuse, feelings, homes & families, friends, relationships & sex, growing up, online safety & navigating school, college or work. They even have an online chat service available where young people can speak with a 1:1 counsellor.

Call them, on 0800 1111 or check out the website below.

<https://www.childline.org.uk>

SAMARITANS

The Samaritans are there for everybody, 24/7, 365 days a year, no judgement. They are a lifeline for anybody who is feeling like they can't cope, are going through a difficult time or having thoughts of suicide. They also offer support groups for people bereaved by suicide. You can contact Samaritans by calling 116 123 for free, or access their website for further support and advice.

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

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.



Shout is an online service that can support with many things, including relationships, bullying, abuse, depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, self-harm, and even panic attacks. To

start a conversation text SHOUT to 85258 to speak with a trained volunteer, or see their website for more details and how to access support.

<https://giveusashout.org/>



Action for Children supports young people in South Staffordshire with moderate emotional or behavioural difficulties. Check out their website for more information, and how to make a referral.

<https://www.staffordshire-ewb.actionforchildren.org.uk/referral>

South Staffordshire Mental Health & Support Helpline is a confidential emotional support helpline run by Brighter Futures, offering a safe place to talk if you're feeling worried, stressed or low, or if you're concerned about someone else. You can contact them on **0808 196 3002**. Alternatively, you may choose to contact the NHS Online Service by calling 111, or your own GP will be able to offer you an appointment and refer you to mental health services if the need is not immediate.

The poster features the Cheslyn Hay Academy logo (a stag head in a circle) and a "Chat to us" speech bubble. It lists the following staff members: 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), and Mr Baker (Deputy DSL). A background image shows the school entrance. The contact email is 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

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