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Dear Parents

Our first Aspire for Life day last Monday was excellent and Year 7 and Aspire Sixth students are looking forward to their Walk the Wrekin trip next week. We had a visit this week from Anne Haigh, the new Chair of Trustees at Windsor Academy Trust and Dawn Haywood, the Deputy CEO and Education Director. They were very complimentary about what they saw when touring the school and after speaking with a focus group of students. As we approach the end of this half term students need to continue to follow the Covid-19 protocols and remain fully engaged in their learning.

Year 11 and Year 13 Exams 2022

The Department for Education has announced that it is planning to proceed with exams in 2022 but with some additional support measures in place to mitigate any disruption due to the pandemic. There is also a contingency plan in place, should exams not be able to take place as expected, and this plan centres around using Teacher Assessed Grades as in the previous two years. This means that key assessments such as the upcoming trial examinations for Year 11 that are taking place in the first week after half term (see below for further details) and for Year 13 that are taking place in the first week after the Christmas break would be used to contribute towards a Teacher Assessed Grade if we are asked to provide them. As such it is important that students take key assessments such as these seriously and prepare for them as thoroughly as they can. This will also support their preparation for exams anyway if they do go ahead as planned.

More details can be found in the separate letter for parents of Year 11 and Year 13 students.

iPads for Learning

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are now exploiting the power of iPads to accelerate their learning. Digital Smart Starts are used to establish starting points for each lesson and learning checks are completed on iPads to determine the understanding of every individual. Use of the Google Classroom App provides access to subject resources beyond the lesson and the ability to submit digital copies of work directly to the teacher provides an extended opportunity to receive feedback; one of the most significant strategies that can be used to facilitate rapid progress and maximize personal potential.

Since we launched the iPad for Learning Project at the start of term, a significant number of parents have contacted us to inquire about purchasing the iPad that was supplied to their child. In response to these requests, we will be reopening the purchase portal next week for parents of students in Years 7 and 9, until the 31st October. To receive details of how to purchase your iPad, please email ipad@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk including the following details:

- Student's name
- Student's tutor group
- Parent contact name
- Parent contact telephone number
- Parent contact email address
- Purchase preference (Monthly direct debit or single payment)

For further information regarding our iPads for Learning Project, visit [this information page](#) on the Trust's website.

For information about iPads or digital learning not relating to the purchase of an iPad, please continue to email ghood@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Immunisations

We are still waiting on further information from the school immunisation team as to when they will be returning to complete the covid-19 and flu vaccinations.

School Photos

As you know, school photograph proofs were sent home earlier this week and if you intend to purchase one please complete your online order by Tuesday 19th October. A reminder that codes and links required to order are on each individual photograph.

Culture Vulture



In encouraging our learners to adopt a shared culture of applying the character traits to their everyday lives, they have had assemblies this half term on how to demonstrate character to enable them to be the best version of themselves as possible. This involved becoming exposed to our character virtues and encourage them to become respectful, responsible, resilient, creative, compassionate and courageous. Learners have also created their own ASPIRE mountains (pictured right →)

Our learners are also exposed to character education through our tutor time programme. This includes the student character bulletin at the start of the week that communicates key messages as well as celebrating students who have demonstrated the character virtues in the previous week.

Later on in the week, the learners explore 'culture vultures' that gives them a weekly incite into influential individuals in society as well as societal issues that will educate them about culture, tolerance and diversity.

Finally, years 7-9 have set up their e portfolios this week. Here, students have powered up their learning experience by creating a portfolio on their ipads that will log their progress in lessons and extra curricular activities.



House News

1000 Acts of Kindness

Throughout last week our Cheslyn Hay community were demonstrating acts of kindness to promote World Mental Health Awareness Day. Our students have demonstrated many acts of kindness and we just wanted to share some with you:

"I sat with another student at lunch since they had nobody to sit with"

"I got my brother an ice cream with my own money"

"I tried my hardest in every lesson to thank the teachers for everything that they help us with"

"I helped my grandparents wash their car as they are unable to do it themselves"

"I helped my Nan and grandad clean their house"

"Someone handed in my mobile phone when I had dropped it on the way to school"

"I carried the bag of a girl in year 7 who was on crutches and was struggling to carry it into school"

"I have made a donation to Young Minds charity and also donated food to the WellWolves"

food bank”

These are just a selection of the hundreds of acts of kindness demonstrated this week. Well done to all who got involved.

House Competitions

We had some wonderful entries to the following competitions; build a brain, the MFL poster and the history timeline. Below are some of our entries to build a brain competition.



On Monday we launched two new house competitions; Bonfire Bake Off and Build a Castle competitions. Details for these competitions can be found on student tutor group classrooms and the attached slides.

LFT

We will be distributing new kits at the end of next week for testing during half term and for testing before students return after half term. 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

Useful Information

Covid-19 Guidance

School Protocols

- Face coverings must be worn on school transport which includes all buses and coaches as well as the Aspire Sixth minibus services between the Cheslyn Hay Academy and Great Wyrley Academy campuses
- Face coverings may be worn in crowded communal areas in school such as corridors
- Students must remain in defined areas during break and lunch time to reduce mixing of students in different year groups
- Students must wear the correct colour lanyard for their year group to identify which parts of the school they should be in at break and lunch times (new lanyards will be distributed next week)
- Visitors to school must wear face coverings in the building where two metre distance cannot be kept or in busy communal areas
- Broad contact tracing, if two or more positive cases are identified in a tutor group or class you will receive a letter to inform you but you will not be required to take any action or book a PCR test just to be alert of any Covid symptoms. An additional letter may be sent if there are further cases advising you to book a PCR test.

Control measures continue, such as additional cleaning, use of hand sanitiser and adherence to the 'catch it, kill it, bin it' protocol. Rooms will continue to be well ventilated (windows open) and students may wish to add the school jumper to their uniform as we approach winter

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19)

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should isolate immediately and arrange a test via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test-or-by-calling-119>. The rules on [self-isolation have changed](#).

Close contacts of a positive case (including households) no longer need to self-isolate if they are:

- fully vaccinated
- are under the age of 18 and 6 months
- cannot have the vaccination for medical reasons
- or have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial

Any household members that are over 18 and 6 months and are not fully vaccinated will need to isolate. The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

In addition to the above main Covid-19 symptoms, if your child develops any of the following symptoms, it is also recommended they arrange a PCR test: *loss of appetite, sore throat, extreme tiredness, sneezing, headache, diarrhoea, joint or muscle ache, vomiting, nausea, rash, runny nose or congestion*. This is because these other symptoms have also been linked to Covid-19 infection. Individuals with any of these other symptoms (apart from diarrhoea and vomiting) **can carry on attending their setting** if they are well enough to do so.

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 0800 1313 126 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