

# Parent Bulletin

## 16th September 2023



### Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to start by saying a big thank you to all the parents of Year 13 students who attended the Parent Tutor Evening last Thursday: we really appreciate your support and your deep involvement in your child's education. This is a new event on our calendar intended to foster a positive relationship between form tutors and parents in the run up to university and career applications, as well as in preparation for the exams at the end of the year. For the parents of Year 12 students, please remember that your Parent Tutor Evening is happening this Thursday: I want to encourage you to attend this friendly and supportive event.

This year we will be having a big focus on **attendance** to school: we know that regular attendance at school is not only valuable for academic performance, but helps build social skills; develop character; and can support positive mental health. We are keen to encourage students to attend every day that they can but it can be difficult to determine whether a child is 'too ill' to come to school - especially since the pandemic. Fortunately the NHS have provided some useful guidance for parents [here](#). In particular we often see an increase in colds and coughs on return to school in September. The NHS guidance on this is:

*'It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.'*

Please do, then send your child into school if they have a minor cough or common cold unless they also have a high temperature.

I'd also like to let Year 7 parents know that we'll be collecting students' biometric data over the next two weeks. This data will be used in our cashless catering system, which makes buying meals at school easier and more secure. Note that the school does not keep a record of fingerprints when recording this data - a secure 'code' is created that is unlocked when your child's finger is placed on the sensor. This is managed without recording the 'fingerprint' and can only be used on the school's cashless catering system.

Lastly, please be aware that on Thursday, 28th September, the school will close early at 12:40 pm to prepare for our Open Evening. For students who qualify for free school meals lunch will be made available should they wish.

Yours faithfully

**Tom Macdonald**  
Headteacher



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### Asthma Action Plans

Can those Year 7 parents that have received an asthma action plan please return it to school as a matter of urgency. If you have not received an action plan, and your child has asthma can you please contact the school to arrange for this to be completed as soon as possible.

### Reducing Single Use Plastic

As part of our drive towards Net Zero and becoming more sustainable as a school and part of Windsor Academy Trust, we are seeking to reduce the amount of single use plastic in school. We have already reduced the number of drinks sold in disposable plastic bottles in school and will reduce this further in line with the new government guidelines. From 1 October 2023 businesses must no longer supply, sell or offer certain single-use plastic items in England as outlined in guidance below, so you may notice some further changes to the way in which we serve food in school.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/single-use-plastics-ban-plates-bowls-trays-containers-cutlery-and-balloon-sticks>

### Primary Football ESFA School Games Organiser Led

The following local Primary Schools are playing on Cheslyn Hay Astro in the first round of the ESFA National Year 5/6 Mini Soccer on Wednesday September 20th 3:45 -5:45pm

Cheslyn Hay Primary  
Featherstone  
Glenthorne  
Moat Hall x2  
St Johns Essington

### Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Next Week (18th - 22nd September)				Year 12 Tutor/Parent Consultation Evening	
Week After (25th - 29th September)			School Photographs	Open Evening	Inset Day - School closed



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## Skills and Jobs Fair

Thursday, September 21st, 2023

2pm - 6pm

at **Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre**  
**Saredon Road, Cheslyn Hay, WS6 7JQ**

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[WAT student and parent website](#)  
[Class Charts Parents' Information Guide](#)  
[Cheslyn Hay Academy Website](#)  
[Revision Guide for Parents](#)

### 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)

### 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 C Baker  
Mrs J Bonser  
Mr M Bourne

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](#)



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### Term Dates 23/24

#### Autumn Term 2023

Term Starts: Tuesday 5 September  
Inset Day: Friday 29 September  
Half Term: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November  
Inset Day: Monday 27 November  
Inset Day: Friday 8 December  
Term Ends: Friday 22 December  
Holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

#### Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January  
Half Term: Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February  
Term Ends: Friday 22 March  
Holiday: Monday 25 March - Friday 5 April

#### Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday April  
Half Term: Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May  
Inset Day: Friday 21 June  
Term Ends: Friday 19 July  
Inset Day: Monday 22 July  
Holidays: Tuesday 23 July - Friday 30 August

