

CA Update



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Message from the Principal

Welcome back to the start of another Spring Term at Chelsea Academy. I would like to wish you all a very happy new year, and I hope that 2016 has started well for you.

Welcome to new staff

I would like to welcome some new members of staff who have joined us at Chelsea Academy this term. Mr Mahay joins us as Acting Curriculum Leader for Mathematics and Ms Malik joins us as RE Curriculum Leader. We also welcome Mr Fisher (teacher of History), Miss Birdi (teacher of English and Media) and Miss Jaswal (teacher of Mathematics). Ms Cheallaigh joins us as maternity cover in the Economics and Business Studies curriculum area, and we have new technicians joining us too, Miss Ludeman and Ms Ford. Please join me in welcoming them all to Chelsea Academy.

Road works

The planned gas works on the Kings Road are due to start very soon. I will share details of the exact disruption to public transport as soon as I have them, but please be prepared to help your child work out a new route to school if their usual route is disrupted. Please also remind your children about the importance of being alert and sensible when travelling on the roads around the Academy. Due to the works there may be cars and vehicles travelling in unexpected directions, pavement closures and bus stops in different places. It's important that our young people are aware of all of this when walking to school, especially whilst the mornings and evenings are still dark.

Parking for parents

Can I remind you once again that parking or waiting in cars outside the students' entrance to the Academy causes problems for our neighbours and local businesses and is highly discouraged. If you need to drop off or collect your child by car please do so outside the main entrance to the Academy on Lots Road. Students will be dismissed from the students' entrance and will walk round to the front to meet you.

Year 11 parents' consultation evening

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the year 11 parents' consultation evening last week. It was incredibly well attended with an 11% increase on last year so thank you for your support. Well done to our year 11 students who have received their mock exam results last week too. For parents and carers of year 8 students, please make sure you have the **year 8 parents' consultation on Thursday 28th January** in your diaries. Your child will be bringing home a letter and starting to make appointments soon.

U13 girls' football team

Finally well done to the girls' U13 football team who came third out of 240 schools in the Football League's Girls Cup last week. An outstanding result from a dedicated team of young sportswomen, and we look forward to their next victory!

Reflection



Dear Parents and Carers,

The upcoming ethos themes for us all to reflect on and discuss are:

Our Community (Singing Week)

Leviticus 19:18 (NIVUK)

18 “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.”

Key Questions: What is our community? Why is community cohesion important?

Courage and Resilience

Joshua 1:7 (NIVUK)

7 ‘Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.’

Key Questions: Is change good or bad? How do we effectively manage change?

I also offer a chaplaincy drop in service if you would like to chat and/or pray with me. Half hour slots are available throughout the day so please contact me if you are interested.

Please feel free to contact me anytime via email on tim.richards@chelsea-academy.org

With every blessing,
Tim Richards
Academy Chaplain

Lecture on MRI



On Wednesday 6th January, as part of our Science Specialism, our Year 10 students saw a lecture by Dr Andy Scott, a scientist working on MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) technology at Royal Brompton Hospital and Imperial College London. The lecture focused firstly on an introduction to MRI and the links this has with our students' learning for GCSE, such as diffusion in Biology and waves in Physics, and secondly to encourage students to take part in a new project. Our students were invited to apply for 'Project D', a project involving several workshops at Imperial College, Royal Brompton Hospital and Chelsea Academy assisting Dr Scott with his research. The successful applicants will be announced soon. We will report on the ongoing project in future the updates.

Problem solving at University College London



Chelsea Academy students recount their experience

Recently, Ahmed and I had the pleasure to take part in problem solving classes hosted by University College London and Highgate school for a duration of 6 weeks. In my opinion, it was a very captivating experience as it made us reflect on the many different ways a mathematical problem can be approached, such as brute force or intellectual approach. Each week we were given a new theme to work on such as symmetry or reasoning with extremes and a problem solving sheet. We were arranged in groups with students from different schools in London and each group had to present a solution to a problem to the other groups. The questions that were provided were not in the style you would see in an exam or in a text book, these problems forced you to think laterally about how to approach it. Truly it was stimulating to attempt complex maths problems with great problem solvers around us. Without a doubt, this course had greatly helped us as individuals to perform better at the UKMT senior challenge. Overall, it was a very enjoyable and beneficial course and I plan to attend more events similar to this.

Planning the Bosnia Trip



Our Kids Foundation is a UK registered charity that designs, initiates and funds long term strategic projects to improve the lives and future prospects of children and young adults in Bosnia and Herzegovina. For the last 5 years, Chelsea Academy has supported this Charity; part of this support includes an annual visit to an orphanage in Mostar, Bosnia.

The annual trip runs during the last week of the summer term and the first week of the summer holidays. The trip gives students the chance to contribute positively to young people's lives in Bosnia and is a really an enjoyable experience. Students will stay at the orphanage in Mostar and spend time running activities for the young people there that include Whitewater Rafting, a boat trip round the Croatian coast, Cinema trips, Sightseeing tours and much more. Students attending the trip need to fund raise the sum of £750 each. In previous years they have organised charity events, bake sales, part time jobs like packing bags at local supermarkets.

The trip is great for UCAS and can be used as a project for students wanting to complete their EPQ. This year there is space for 10 students to go on this trip. It will initially be open to Year 12 students but we are also looking to hear from students in Year 11 aiming to stay for Sixth Form at Chelsea Academy. Last year both year 11 and 12 students participated in

the trip.

Please contact Miss Homer if you are interested, as soon as possible, before places run out!



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