

CA Update



23 October 2015

Message from the Principal

As this is the last CA update of the half term I have been reflecting on what has been a fantastic start to the 2015 to 2016 Academic year. I am so pleased with how the students have raised the bar in terms of their attendance, punctuality to school and uniform. I am impressed with how all the lessons that I visit on a daily basis are calm and purposeful and the good humour with which the students are tackling their learning. We have had huge turnouts for both our year 7 and year 12 prospective student evenings and it is clear from the feedback that we have received that people are really impressed by Chelsea Academy and want to join our community.

World Class Quality Schools Mark

One of my proudest moments this half term was hearing that we have been awarded the World Class Quality Schools Mark. This is a fantastic achievement for everyone involved at Chelsea Academy - both our current staff but also

those staff that had such key roles in setting up and developing Chelsea Academy from the start. All of our work has ensured that the students we have are truly world class.

Punctuality

We always want to improve and do better and so next half term we will be having a big push on punctuality to lessons. We want to ensure that every minute of every lesson is focussed on learning. Please can you remind your son or daughter of the importance of punctuality to school and to lessons.

Academy calendar

If you haven't already done so, can I remind you to subscribe to the academy calendar through the school website. Go to www.chelsea-academy.org click on events, then calendar and then the subscribe button. This will keep you updated about everything going on at the Academy.

Parking near the Academy

Finally, can I ask that if you drive to the Academy you arrange to meet your son or daughter around the front of the school on Lots Road. Traffic wardens will be making random visits and will be issuing tickets if you are illegally parked at the student entrance.

I hope that you have a relaxing half term.

Reflection



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

It's been a great half term, thank you so much to those of you who supported our Harvest appeal for the Kensington and Chelsea Foodbank, I was overwhelmed with the amount donated!

The upcoming ethos themes after half term will be:

2-6/11/2015 – **Our Academy**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Key Question: What is the vision and mission of Chelsea Academy?

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – If your child is able to, please ask them to bring in a small gift for their coaching group's shoe box. We

are collecting them on Friday 6th November. If you have a transit van or similar and are able to help transport our boxes on that day, please contact me via my email at the address below.

9-13/11/2015 – Love (Be Nice) – Remembrance and Children In Need (Friday)

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. (Galatians 3:26)

Key Question: Do you agree with the above verse? What do you think is the greatest form of love?

Our thoughts and prayers are with those members of our community who have Remembrance Day particularly close to their hearts.

Please feel free to contact me anytime via email on tim.richards@chelsea-academy.org. 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. Our next Parent Prayer is Thursday 26th November from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

With every blessing,

Tim Richards

Academy Chaplain

Sport & Dance Presentation Evening



On 22nd October, The Sport and Wellbeing Faculty and Dance Department had their annual presentation evening. Guest speaker was the former Head of Sport and Wellbeing, Mr David Shaw. He spoke enthusiastically about the necessity for students to put 100% effort into every area they choose to undertake. The evening was fantastic with around 200 people attending the event. Top award winners were Rafael Del Bono for Dance and Marcel Lavinier for Sport and Wellbeing but our congratulations to all who received a well deserved award.

Instrumental & Vocal staff concert



On Tuesday 20th October we were exceptionally pleased to host our annual Instrumental & Vocal staff concert. This is an opportunity for the students in the Academy to see performances of a wide variety of pieces in different styles and genres from our instrumental & vocal staff who are professional performers nationally and internationally. The evening was inspiring and aimed to boost the students future musical aspirations. It was a great evening with performances going from Bach, to Spanish guitar, the Pink Panther theme, musical theatre, opera and salsa. A huge thank you goes to the staff who prepared and performed.

Picture: Mr Cave & Ms Wilkinson performing an aria from the Handel opera, *Rinaldo*.

Reminder: if your child would like to start tuition, please complete an [application form](#) and return it to the Music Department.

U12 girls' football



The U12 girls' football team made a great success in their first ever Cup fixture against Sacred Heart. The game started well but Sacred Heart took an early lead, this caused our team to become tense and anxious, however a goal was soon conceded by the opponents. This got the girl's spirits high and increased their concentration. As the whistle goes the Managers agree to extra time with Golden Goal, the pressure mounted on both teams, our defense stepped up and we kept possession for most of the first half of extra time, just as the whistle was about to go an own goal was scored by the opposition sending the Chelsea Academy team into the next round. Huge well done to the team!

Royal Institution Unconference



On the 9th October our students have taken part to The Royal Institution Unconference. This is a national event where 300 young people aged 16-18 from around the UK have the opportunity to shape the future of science policy and decision making. This year it was aimed at stimulating discussion around science & technology focusing this year on the barriers that might exist to gender equality in science careers.

World Class Schools Quality Mark



After rigorous assessment process, Chelsea Academy has been awarded

The World Class Schools Quality Mark.

[World Class Schools Quality Mark \(WCSQM\)](#)

Music Hub Battle of the Bands



Leo, Simba, Tye, Naomi, Jann and Tiarnan represented Chelsea Academy in the RBKC Heats of the Tri-Borough Music Hub Battle of the Bands competition. Hopefully we will get through to the final at Bush Hall on 17th November – Finger crossed!

Calamity Jane



Rehearsals: Thursdays in the Drama Studio.

Auditions: Thurs 5th Friday 6th November.

(please note you cannot audition if you have not been to at least one rehearsal!)



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