

CA Update



2nd October 2015

Message from the Principal

Welcome to the second CA Update of the new term. We had a brilliant year 11 GCSE expectations and sixth form Open Evening last night and are gearing up to the year 6 Open Evening on Wednesday. Because of this there are a number of changes to the school day so that we can ensure that the 1000+ visitors see us at our best. These are outlined below:

Open Evening – Wednesday 7th October

Next week is our Academy Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students. We anticipate that the area surrounding the Academy will be busier than usual. If you are joining us for Open Evening please do not drive to the Academy if at all possible, as there is no parking in the surrounding roads.

Late start – Thursday 8th October

Due to Open Evening on Wednesday, there will be late start for students on Thursday 8th October. Students should be in the Academy by 11 am, when the gates will close. Lessons start for all students at 11.05 am.

London Schools Gold Club Membership

Last week our Chair of Governors Councillor Campbell and I attended a presentation event at City Hall with the Mayor of London, during which Chelsea Academy was recognised as a member of the London Schools Gold Club. I was very proud that our Academy has been invited to join this prestigious group, as it is awarded to schools which have demonstrated exceptional teaching practice. Congratulations to all our excellent teachers who have made this possible.

Reminder – INSET day on Friday 16th October

Finally I would like to remind you that the Academy is closed to all students on Friday 16th October for staff training. The Academy will re-open on Monday 19th October.

Reflection



Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Week 6 (5/10-10/10) – Sow the best to reap the best

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9).

Key Question: What are you willing to put into life and what are you hoping to get out of it?

HARVEST COLLECTION: If your child is able to, please ask them to bring in tinned soup, instant mash potato or toiletries on Friday 9th October. Our donation is going to the Kensington and Chelsea Foodbank.

Week 7 (12/10-19/23) – We are all One (Black History Month)

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith (Galatians 3:26)

Key Question: Why should we respect and celebrate each other's differences?

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.

With every blessing,

Tim Richards
Academy Chaplain

Outstanding Achievement School Award



Chelsea Academy was awarded the 'Outstanding Achievement School Award' at the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea School Games awards evening. It was a fantastic evening with former Olympian Derek Redmond speaking and presenting the awards. We were recognised as the outstanding school for sport in the borough. This was on the back of achieving success in 9 different sports at borough level. A number of Chelsea Academy students were in attendance to also be acknowledged for their representation at borough level in the London Youth Games. Amelia, Emily and Kacey were part of the girls football squad that was awarded 'The most improved team'. A huge thank you to all the staff, coaches and students that contributed to this success. We are aiming even higher this year.

Science Enrichment Trip to Kidzania



On Friday 25th September the students on the 'CAST' enrichment (Chelsea Academy Student Teachers) went on a trip to 'Kidzania' in Shepherds Bush to develop their science communication skills. At Kidzania the students had complete independence about where they went and which activities they took part in, all of which were designed to give students a taste of work in a variety of vocations. For example they learned basic first aid and practising in simulated emergencies. They developed their cooking skills in a burger kitchen, they learned how to make recycled paper for a sustainable resources agency, and even developed their engineering knowledge as part of a Formula One team. The range of jobs represented was huge, and our students used their experience to plan and develop the science lessons they will be teaching to primary school students each Friday afternoon for enrichment.

Jeans for Genes day

On Friday 18th September, Chelsea Academy held its 7th annual Jeans for Genes day. Students wore their jeans and donated £1 to support charities that help children with Genetic disorders. There were also house assemblies, science lessons and STEM club activities taking place – including the opportunity for students to extract their own DNA from their cheek cells and then store it in a necklace to take home with them. As an Academy we raised a fantastic total of over £1,100!

There are between 4,000 and 6,000 diagnosed genetic disorders. It is estimated that one in 25 children is affected by a genetic disorder and therefore 30,000 babies and children are newly diagnosed in the UK each year. The money raised by organisations and schools on Jeans for Genes Day funds a range of initiatives that improve the quality of life of children and families affected by genetic disorders. We fund Genetic Disorders UK, the national charity dedicated to supporting families affected by genetic disorders.

For more information about the work of Jeans for Genes: <http://www.jeansforgenesday.org/getinspired/whatwedo>

Awards Evening 2015



Chelsea Academy was very proud to welcome so many parents and students to our annual awards ceremony on 17th September 2015. The evening was to celebrate all the young people at Chelsea Academy who excelled academically last year. It was an opportunity for us to celebrate and recognise their talents and their absolute commitment to learning.

Awards Evening Guest



A special thank you goes to our guest of honour, Dr Susannah Maidment who is a Paleontologist and also a Junior Fellow at Imperial College. She spoke to an attentive audience about the science behind the Jurassic World film. Our science specialism is a significant part of Chelsea Academy and we are both proud of the opportunities that the specialism offers all of our students and excited that so many student do so well in this area of the Academy.

Des Simmons Award for Guitar



We are delighted to announce that Jack, one of our Year 9 students, has been awarded the Des Simmons Award for Guitar.

This award goes to the best young guitarists each year, to help them take the next step in their musical journey. It is named after Des Simmons, who was an exceptional musician as well as an enthusiastic supporter of young musicians. Thanks to the Des Simmons Award Jack has recently been able to purchase his own concert classical guitar.

“I won The Des Simmons Award for Guitar and I was thrilled to be able to buy an even better concert classical guitar than I expected. I am deeply grateful to all those who made it possible!” Jack

[Awards for Young Musicians website](#)



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