

# Newsletter

## March 2019

### Chair's Welcome

As a parent of two boys at Chelsea Academy, I am thrilled to have recently been elected Chair of the Foundation. I see on a daily basis the fantastic opportunities that are being offered to our young people, from rowing to robotics, Cern and Serbia trips, and of course the hugely successful Access Project which is getting some of our brightest students into the best UK universities.

CAF's role is an important one, to help the Academy provide the skills and knowledge for life and work in the 21st century. We want every student to flourish and provide a positive contribution to society.

I would like to send a huge thank you to our donors who are making a very real difference to the lives and futures of our students. In addition, let us not forget the hard work and dedication of our teaching staff who give freely of their time, and finally our trustees who oversee the work of the foundation.

*Sue Harris*

### Principal's Welcome

Thanks to the incredible work of the Foundation and the generosity of donors the Academy is able to offer students opportunities that they would not otherwise have access to. Over the last year the impact of these opportunities has been phenomenal and has included:

- Oxbridge offers for four of our Access Project students;
- our highest GCSE results ever;
- winning a bronze award at the International Maths Competition in Serbia;
- the First Story participants publishing their anthology of stories and organising a book launch!

*Matt Williams*



*Supporting students to have the life skills and aspirations to flourish into exceptional and well-rounded members of society*

## 2017 - 2018 Year in Review

**£75,000**

given by CAF to support projects and activities at the Academy

**£79,000**

received in donations from trusts, individuals, and companies

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**1100**

students taking part in trips and extended curriculum activities

**Over 50%**

of students offered either additional tutoring or programs that supported applications to top universities

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**Top 10% of schools nationally for GCSE and A level results**

*It is particularly important that a student's background does not limit their ability to thrive at the Academy and in later life*

## Projects and Activities that CAF support

### Access Project

The Academy is now in its third year of running the Access Project, which mentors students to boost their confidence and prepare them to apply to top UK universities.

Four students taking part in the Access Project have been offered places at Cambridge or Oxford and two have been offered a place at Imperial.

"The tutoring I've received through the Access Project has been amazing. I get help in Chemistry, and my tutor always pushes me to work as hard as I can, and constantly helps me to refine my exam technique. Aside from strictly focusing on Chemistry, my tutor offers me general advice about managing workload and my time effectively, and on future pathways, and it's always great to have a listening, unbiased and supportive ear in that aspect also. I'm infinitely grateful to the Access Project and my tutor for this opportunity and I've learnt so much from being a part of it." - Year 13 student.

### Jamie's Farm

Jamie's Farm is a challenging yet empowering experience that focuses on re-engaging students through farming, family and therapy, enabling them to fulfil their potential both in school and the wider community.

Students got the opportunity to practice and demonstrate skills like leadership and perseverance during the residential trip last year.



### Arts

The Foundation is passionate about supporting the arts at the Academy and ensuring all students have an opportunity to visit the theatre, art galleries and take part in musical activities. The Foundation holds an annual art auction that has raised funds to buy large canvases, special paints, drama props and instruments.

## *Opportunities comparable to the best independent schools*

### **First Story**

The Academy are working with First Story to provide a writer-in-residence who will work with a small group of aspiring student writers. At the end of the year students have an opportunity to see their work published. In 2017-18 the First Story group took part in a writing residential and organised a book launch.



### **Rowing Club**

The hugely popular rowing club started off the year with a mix of students who had done rowing before and those who were beginners.

The students practised getting in and out of the boats safely and have even competed in a regatta.



### **Robotics**

Robotics club was originally started as an after school club but it has grown in popularity and in importance as we work towards making it part of the Design and Technology (DT) curriculum. The DT team at the Academy are being mentored in 2018-19 by Rolls Royce to encourage the uptake of STEM subjects and careers. The Academy has been selected as one of only 6 finalists for the Rolls Royce Science Prize 2019.

*Every child deserves to be able to fulfil their own potential*

## A big **Thank You** to our donors!

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The CAF would also like to thank our donors who wish to remain anonymous.

*With the right foundation every child is capable of flourishing in life*

## Upcoming events

### *CAF Third Annual Postcard Art Auction*

The auction this year is taking place on Thursday 16th May between 6.15 and 8pm at Lots Road Auctions, Chelsea. Last year we raised over £8,500 and for 2019 we are aiming to raise £10,000. We are excited to announce our judging panel which includes Sir Alan Parker (director and writer), Adebansi Alade (local artist and guest presenter on The One Show), Geoffrey Matthews (Chelsea Arts Club), Sam McKechnie (Magpie and the Wardrobe) and the graffiti artist Voyder. All monies raised will be donated to the Academy to support art, music, drama and restocking the LRC (library).

## Helping students flourish

There's lots of ways to help us . Here are just a few ways in which you can support:

- ▶ Sponsoring events
- ▶ One off or regular donations
- ▶ Volunteering to help with fundraising events
- ▶ Match funding activities

## To find out more

Check out the website:

<http://www.chelsea-academy.org/chelsea-academy-foundation/>

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