

Friday 19th July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the year draws to a close, I am writing to wish you all a wonderful summer and share some end of term news. Firstly we say goodbye to a number of members of staff this year, who leave us to take up promotions or to relocate elsewhere. I would like to give special mention to Mrs Blake (Vice Principal) and Mr Ainsworth (Acting Vice Principal), who as members of the Leadership Team have been instrumental in the Academy's development. Most students, parents and even some staff will never have seen the vast quantities of time and effort they put in to make the Academy a success and we are eternally grateful to them for it. We wish them both the best of luck for their new roles. As we say goodbye to Mrs Blake and Mr Ainsworth, we welcome Ms McGuinness to the Leadership Team. Ms McGuinness will be joining us as Vice Principal for Quality of Education in September. Ms McGuinness joins us from another London faith school, and we are looking forward to having her at Chelsea Academy. She will be introducing herself to students during the first week back.

Summer results arrangement

All students who are due to collect their results during the summer have been notified of their arrangements already, but as a reminder, the dates and times are below.

- Year 13 can collect their exam results from 7.00 am on Thursday 15th August 2019. Year 12 can collect their results from 10.30 am on the same day. The Sixth Form team will be available to provide support and guidance, if needed, on results day.
- Year 11 can collect their results from 9.00 am on Thursday 22nd August 2019. Enrolment into the Sixth Form starts from 9.30 am on the same day.
- Year 10 will receive an email with their RE exam results on Thursday 22nd August 2019 and will receive a paper copy in the new term.

Start of term arrangements in September 2019 - remember that the Academy day reverts back to normal times, finishing at 3.30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) and 2.35 pm on Wednesday.

Please make a note in your diaries of the start of term arrangements below:

- Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September: *INSET days (Academy closed to students)*
- Wednesday 4th September: *Year 7 (from 10 am until 2 pm) and Year 12 (from 9.45 am to 1 pm) only*
- Thursday 5th September: *Learning Coach Consultation Day (Years 7-11 and 13). Please book your appointments in the usual way. Year 12 will be taking part in a special programme of events that day.*
- Friday 6th September: *Normal Academy day for all. Students to arrive by 8.35 am and finish normal time (3.30pm)*

Pastoral team 2019–2020

As always, your child's class teacher or learning coach should be the first point of contact (for academic and pastoral queries respectively). Your child may find they have a new learning coach next year so I cannot stress enough the importance of attending Learning Coach Consultation Day in order to meet them early in the year. If the learning coach cannot resolve a pastoral issue, you may need to speak to your child's Head of Year. We have some changes to our pastoral team and structure next year so I am sharing them for your information:



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Head of Year 7: Ms Vaghela

Head of Year 8: Mr Fisher

Head of Year 9: Ms Borg-Cunen

Head of Year 10 and 11: Mr Daverat

Head of Year 12: Ms Capewell (who will be joining us in the Geography curriculum area)

Head of Year 13: Miss Heatherington

Email addresses will be available on our website from September.

Ten Year celebration event and the Flourish Fund

As you will be aware, we recently held a fundraising celebration to mark the start of our ten year anniversary. This event was a great success, with many ex staff members and key people from the Academy's past gathering to generate support. I have received so many compliments about the students who performed or helped on the night, which makes me incredibly proud. I would like to thank our Chair of Governors, Lady Sassoon, as well as all the staff for their hard work to make the event a success.

Our Flourish fund was boosted on the night by our newly-donated contactless payment devices. We hope to put these to good use at future fundraising events. I am also pleased to say that from September parents will be able to donate to the fund when making payments on Parent Pay. We will write to you to explain how this can work nearer the time.

Our Vision: 2019 and onward

As we approach our ten year anniversary, we have been working to refine our vision and values to guide us through the next ten years. Our vision is that we educate the whole child: we inspire our students to become happy and employable young people equipped with the skills and integrity to flourish in a changing world. It is hard to distill our aims and aspirations for our students into a few short words, but we have chosen "We learn together to flourish" as a summary. We have also decided to refine the Academy mission to "Work Hard, **Be Kind**, No Excuses". Kindness is a virtue which is easily overlooked, but which cannot be underestimated in its importance. Of course we remain, as ever, "Anchored in Christ". These are more than just catchy phrases and PR; they set the tone and provide the backbone for everything we do at Chelsea Academy. As educators, we cannot achieve any of the above without the support of parents and carers, so I would like to thank you for helping us work towards this vision this year. We look forward to continuing this with you next year.

I wish you all a restful summer.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Williams
Principal