

Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

It has been an excellent half term - and we still have a week to go! Students have quickly returned to the routine of the Academy and understand the focus they must have on studying. Our governing board met last night and I was able to share the many highlights of this half term, including:

- The high quality of learning I have been able to see during my walks around the Academy
- The 50 plus bags of food our community generously donated for the Harvest Challenge,
- Ms. Allen and her mobile library on tour every break and lunch time with a different year group
- David Attenborough taking the time to write back to a Year 9 coaching group
- Strong attendance figures despite the challenge of COVID-19 related absences
- Excellent assemblies and other student-led initiatives to celebrate Black History Month.

Assessments and Interventions

After half term we will be collecting assessment data from all year groups so we can really drill down into where learning gaps are. A big thanks to staff who will be in over the half term break to deliver intervention sessions to invited Year 11 and Year 13. We will also resume after school intervention in November across a range of subjects. If your child is invited to attend please do support their attendance. These sessions are carefully structured to support students in catching up and staff work with smaller groups of students than is possible in a normal class.

Promoting the Academy

Do have a look at our wonderful new promotional film

<https://chelsea-academy.org/admissions/year-7-admissions/> which we have created in lieu of a Year 6 Open Evening. We have enjoyed welcoming prospective parents for small Academy day time tours. If you have friends or family with children in Year 6 do please tell them what wonderful school Chelsea Academy is! As we all know, word of mouth is the best form of advertising.

School Street – early arrivals for parking

If you currently drive your child to and from the Academy, please be aware that Burnaby Street is a designated School Street and as such you cannot enter or leave the street between 8.05 to 8.45 am and again from 3.25 to 3.45 pm. Therefore please do not arrive early to park within the barriered area and then compromise Academy/ RBKC staff who are supervising the barriers. They have been instructed not to open them unless for residents of Burnaby street.

Parental survey

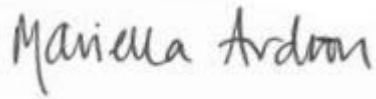
I would really value your time to complete this [short survey](#). We want to ensure we have captured your feedback about both you and your child's experience of the academy. This helps us inform our development priorities as an Academy.

I hope you have a restful half term week with your child (ren) from the 26th October, although I appreciate you may have had to alter plans in light of the new Tier 2 restrictions. It is so important we follow the new rules and although this seems at odds with the fact that students are mixing within their bubble at school,

please remember household mixing inside, and meeting in groups of more than 6 outside is not permitted. From Monday 19th October following the Department for Education's communication to us, **all students and staff should wear masks in communal areas**. This includes on arrival and dismissal from the Academy, all corridors and Food For Thought. Please ensure your child comes to the Academy on Monday 19th October with a plain mask.

A reminder we return for the second half of the autumn term on Monday 2nd November at the normal times of 8.30 or 8.40am.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariella Ardron". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Mariella Ardron
Principal