

Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Shoe Boxes**

We were delighted that we managed to fill and send off 148 shoe boxes for the FSCI Christmas Shoebox Appeal. 60 more boxes were collected than last year so here's hoping we can do even better next Christmas! Thank you for supporting the Academy with this.

### **Extended Curriculum**

We have had some brilliant opportunities for students in the last few weeks. We are making up for lost time after last academic year! Year 7 have been to London to see Prince of Egypt and there will be an opportunity soon for Year 8 to see this fascinating musical too. All of Year 10 visited the Science Museum earlier this week for an innovative STEM Careers Fair. And on Thursday every Year 10 student was interviewed for 20 minutes by an employee from HSBC. Such great practice for the future! In recent weeks we have also had trips to Chelsea Physic Garden, a Youth Reception at the town hall for the Perseverance Team, the Debate Mate launch and a trip to the Tabernacle Theatre.

### **Parent Evenings**

Finally these have returned to being on site and in person events. Please check your email for the invitation to the evening for your child's year group - this will come from Parents Evening System. These start next week with Year 9 Parent Evening on Thursday 18th November.

### **Vaccinations**

The vaccinations went very smoothly and students showed great maturity as they waited for their vaccination to be administered. If your child was absent on that day or you and your child have changed your mind and your child does now wish to have the vaccination, there are pop up clinics - check your council's website for further details. Please ensure your child continues to self test at home and remember to log the result on [TestRegister](#)

### **Governors' visit – 9th November**

We welcomed our governors earlier this week. They had a fascinating morning meeting staff over breakfast, followed by training on the new Ofsted framework and then a very informative 'learning walk'. Governors visited lessons and spoke to students. They were very complimentary about students and the positive learning environment. We are very fortunate to have governors that are involved and invested in our Academy.

### **Message from our Chaplain**

*The theme this week has been 'Be Kind' and the verse of the week is 'Love is patient, love is kind' (1 Corinthians 13:4). Showing kindness is surely one of the most effective ways of helping people to feel loved and valued. Being kind is part of who we are at Chelsea Academy; this means showing patience and care for one another. It also means showing care and consideration for those in our world who*

*have less than us. I am incredibly thankful to everyone for contributing to the shoebox appeal; our collection of 148 Christmas boxes is evidence of the kind heartedness of our students, parents and staff. It is an outpouring of the love that we have in our community and for that I am truly grateful.*

I hope you have a lovely weekend. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Academy over the next month.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mariella Ardron". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Mariella Ardron  
Principal