

Friday 1st July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Y11/13 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition 30th June - 2nd July

Our intrepid students have fine weather for their assessed expedition this weekend. They are spending 3 days exploring the New Forest on the south coast and have particularly enjoyed seeing the wild ponies and the expansive open scenery. We hope that it is a very successful trip and look forward to seeing the photos.

Awards Evening - Monday 4th July

Hopefully, some of you will have already received an invitation to this exciting event if your child has been nominated. We have shaken things up this year and whilst Curriculum Leaders have all nominated a small number of students, there can only ever be one winner! The winners are top secret and will be revealed on the night itself! On Monday, students will be able to see all the nominations in a display in our Food For Thought area.

Sports Day - Tuesday 5th July

Our annual Sports day will be held, as usual, in Battersea Park's Millennium Arena. It is a fantastic day for your child to represent their house in a variety of exciting sporting events. A full PE kit must be worn, but your child can accessorise with their house colours. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate parents at the event, but photos/videos will be posted on our social media throughout the day. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch, sunscreen and a rain jacket on the day. Your child will be dismissed from Battersea Park at 3pm.

Chelsea Academy Cultural Day - Thursday 7th July

A reminder that we have our inaugural Cultural Day on Thursday. This is a wonderful student-led day. Please encourage your child to come to the Academy in their cultural dress. Students who don't have any specific items of clothing that they identify with their family's culture can either wear clothes in the colours of a country or region's flag that they identify with (but no football/sports tops), or, if not, they must wear blue and/or green, to represent the colours of the globe.

Summer Arts Showcase - Thursday 7th July

This year, our Summer Arts showcase will be a combined Music, Art and Drama event. Parents and carers are cordially invited to come along and join us in celebrating the work of some of our most talented Chelsea Academy students. Entrance is free, although there will be a collection bucket available for those who wish to make a contribution. Doors will open at 5pm and refreshments will be served in our Food For Thought area. The showcase itself will commence at 5.30pm and will last for approximately one hour.

RBKC FSM Vouchers

Every student entitled to free school meals will receive a voucher for £15 per week for six weeks every Monday starting from 25th July to 29th August. There is also some information attached to this newsletter about summer holiday programmes. Do take a look.

Year 6 Transition Day

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 6 students who start with us in Year 7 in September. We have a brilliant Transition Day on Wednesday planned for them all.

Parent Survey

A huge thank you to over 200 of you who responded to our most recent survey. It really helps us plan as to how we can make the Academy even better and also to hear what you think we are doing really well.

A small number of parents wanted us to reconsider the 'strictness' of the behaviour policy. In fact, our policy and approach has been under review for much of this year, with both students and staff looking at what can be changed so that it is truly fit for purpose. An updated version with some small but significant changes will be shared with staff and then with our students in September.

BHFC Football Bursary

Thanks to one of our parents who shared this opportunity with us:

BHFC are looking for talented players. BHFC is offering young, talented players within the community the opportunity to play regular competitive football through their Bursary Programme.

All they need is full commitment. All age groups are welcome. Register your interest by following this link.

www.bhfcbattersea.co.uk/bursaryregistration

Chaplain's message

I am delighted that our new Chaplain, Dwight van Kan, has made his first contribution to this newsletter.

*Our theme of the week is 'Solidarity', which is drawn from **Psalm 18:2**, which talks about how God is our rock and how we can find rest in Him. In our assemblies, we have been encouraging our students to show solidarity amongst their peers. Here at Chelsea Academy, solidarity interlinks with servant leadership because when we work together and stand up for what is right, we are able to collectively thrive through the power of unity. Most of our students have either been going through their end of year assessments or UCAS predicted grade exams. They've been working very hard and we are ever so proud of their perseverance during this exam season, and I pray that God will continue to give them strength in their last few weeks of the academic school year. May the peace of God be with you all this week.*

Whilst there are only three weeks left until the end of term, every day is jam packed. In fact, we have a fantastic celebratory final week planned with: Academy community celebrations on the terrace; year assemblies; our end of year Church service; and the now famous House Olympics. We will all be more than ready for the summer holidays when they come!

Have a peaceful weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron
Principal



Dear Parent/Carer,

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Summer Programme 2022 has launched!

We're writing to offer your child a free place for fun activities and free food, over the upcoming Summer holidays 2022.

This summer we have a wide range of local organisations offering free activities and healthy, free meals across the 6-week summer holiday period, providing 2,700 places to children and young people. Activities include sports camps, cooking, gardening classes, drama skills and day trips.

There will also be activities for those with special educational needs and disabilities - so there is something for everyone!

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme **guarantees places this summer for all children and young people eligible for Free School Meals who are aged 4 – 16.**

Visit our website to see what is on offer and find out more information on how to book a place and to register – <https://ourcity.org.uk/haf-programme>

Don't delay! Make sure you take advantage of this free opportunity for your child and register today!



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SUMMER 2022



This summer, it's more important than ever that young people have somewhere to go for fun activities and a healthy meal.

Whether you like cooking, arts or sports, there's something for all children and young people to enjoy!

There will also be lots of activities for those with special educational needs and/or disabilities so everyone can join the fun.

Don't delay! Find out what free activities and food offers are available to you and register today!

(Free, guaranteed places available for Children and Young People eligible for Free School Meals)

Offers vary between Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea.
Visit the Our City website for more information and to register.



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