

Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half-term seems to have sped by. As ever lots to share and celebrate with you. Next week you will receive our half-termly bumper newsletter which will contain even more news and photographs of what we have been up to at the Academy.

Monday 10th October was World Mental Health Day, and to mark this very important day, we are re-launching the student **Wellbeing Ambassador Programme** which allows 12 students (2 per year) to receive training from MIND practitioners to become Wellbeing Ambassadors at Chelsea Academy. This was put on hold due to covid. All students have been emailed information and the link to apply. Please remind them of this opportunity and encourage them to apply.

Alongside our Chair of Governors, Mr Whitley and Mrs Holgate, I was privileged to interview seven candidates for the Head Student roles last week. The calibre of applicants was very high, and it was a real challenge to shortlist students for an interview. I am delighted to announce that Frankie, Jenny and Erza will be our new Head Students this academic year.

Students conducted themselves very well last Friday when we carried out a Fire Drill. Watching over 1000 students in Westfield Park fall absolutely silent for five minutes is always a magical and rare moment!

Please note that after an unavoidable delay, the Student Planners have now arrived; students should have them in the top outside blazer pocket at all times.

A reminder that the last day of this half term is **Tuesday 18th October** and students return for an 8.35am start on **Monday 31st October**. I have also re-shared some key dates. All Academy events for the year are also listed on the calendar in our website:

- Sixth Form Open Evening: 03/11/22 Internal Students (5 - 6.10pm) / External Students 6- 7.45pm
- Year 8 Progress Evenings (4.00pm to 7.30pm) - 17/11/22
- Year 13 Progress Evenings (4.00pm to 7.30pm)- 01/12/22
- Year 7,8,9 Nasal Flu Vaccine 21/11/22 - 1.30 - 3.00pm
- Y11 Mock Exams - 5/12/22 - 15/12/22
- Christmas Concert - 7/12/22
- Academy closes for Christmas holiday: 16/12/22

Message from our Chaplain, Mr. Van Kan

This week we are focusing on how we can show gratitude with our actions by sharing with others the small things that we do have for a good cause. This year we are participating once again in the FSCI Shoe Box Appeal, in which we will ask you to kindly donate a few small items that can fill a shoe box in order to send it to someone who might be in a less fortunate situation during the Christmas season. Your child will have received an information letter which will provide you all the details you will need to get involved. May you all have a blessed week.

Yours faithfully



Mrs. Ardron
Principal