

Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you have a good couple of weeks? If we needed a reminder that Christmas is around the corner, I think the cold spell and more seasonal weather has certainly done that! Therefore please, can I ask that you ensure your child has a warm outdoor jacket or coat, which should be black, alongside any other outdoor accessories such as gloves, scarfs, and hats. Hoodies are not part of our Academy uniform.

We are delighted that a number of Y13 students have been offered interviews for Oxford or Cambridge colleges in the last week or so. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing about any conditional offers they and all our Y13 students receive next month.

There's nothing like the last week of term in a large secondary school for festive fun! And here at Chelsea Academy we are no exception. We are serving Christmas Lunch for those who wish to have it, throughout the week to each year group. There will be daily Achievement Assemblies to celebrate all the wonderful effort and progress of our students, our Christmas Church Service at St. Luke's on Wednesday morning and a fun filled final day of term on Friday 16th December. Please look out for further communication from your child's Head of Year about what is happening. On the last day of term, students will be dismissed from midday. Students return to the Academy on Wednesday 4th January 2023 at the normal start time of 8.35am.

I am aware that there will be travel disruptions this week due to industrial action. Our experience earlier in the autumn was that despite the later start, the majority of staff and students were able to be in either at the normal time or only 15 minutes later as a result of setting off earlier. Therefore, we have decided to try and run at normal start and finish times next week so as not to further disrupt students' learning. However if we experience issues after the first day of strikes on Tuesday 13th December, then we may need to rethink this.

Some useful dates for your diary:

- All students return: Wednesday 4th January 2023
- Learning Coach Consultation Day - 2 (Evening appointments) Thursday 19th January 2023
- Learning Coach Consultation Day -2 Friday 20th January 2023
- *Half-Term break:* Monday 13th February 2023 –Friday 17th February 2023
- INSET day (no students to attend): Monday 20th February 2023

And finally a message from our Chaplain, Mr. van Kan

During this time of Advent, the school community has been engaging on the topics of patience and perseverance as the Christmas Season approaches. As Christians patiently await Christmas day, let us persevere in showing grace for all of God's children through our acts of kindness and words of compassion. During this difficult winter season, may we find ways to bless those around us, comfort those who are alone, and spread joy to those who need it the most. God bless you, and may the Light of Christ shine on you all this Christmas.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariella Ardron". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letter 'M' being particularly large and stylized.

Mrs. Ardron
Principal