

Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Industrial Action

Thank you for your understanding of the partial Academy closure on Wednesday and also for your support of my teacher colleagues. I will be writing to you after half term outlining arrangements for the further planned days of industrial action in March.

Y10 Work Experience

Hopefully you are aware that all students in Y10 are expected to complete a week of work experience from **Monday 3rd - Friday 7th July 2023**. Work experience is a vital element of secondary education that:

- provides greater insight into the working world
- means students can come away with useful evidence for educators and employers when making competitive applications in the future

Work experience in Year 10 is not about trying out your future career; instead students should continue to gain a range of experiences over the years as they refine their thinking about the future.

- Work experience will only be possible with the hard work and commitment of our entire Chelsea Academy community to source these valuable work experience opportunities.
- We also know that our students engaging in the process of finding work experience will equip them with the skills required to be successful in the future.
- Our advice is that students should first explore contacts among family and friends in the first instance, before doing research to create shortlists of companies they can reach out to beyond their personal connections.

Students have already attended a launch assembly, and we look forward to later in the year when each Y10 student will have a one-to-one mock interview with volunteers from HSBC Bank. In the coming weeks and months, further support will also be provided to ensure student progress.

- Please take this opportunity to begin talking to your contacts.
- Students will be expected to identify 3 viable options for their work experience and make contact with them.
- Once a placement has been agreed upon, it can only be confirmed once a placement form is signed and submitted to the Academy using the attached pdf or by following this link: bit.ly/cawex2023. This must be done no later than Wednesday 1st March 2023.
- Each form must include the student's details, be signed by the employer including insurance information, and then signed by the parent/carer.
- Placements will only go ahead once we have received all the above information. This is a legal obligation and is in the best interests of all of our students.

The Careers Department is on hand to offer guidance and we know that students really benefit from supportive families, both in coming up with ideas for placements and to ensure that the placement is organised well in advance of the summer.

Please do not hesitate to make contact with our Director of Careers, Mr. Flitcroft if you have any queries.

Uniform

We are having a real push on uniform at the moment. Please note as per our policy, students should not be wearing the following items:

- hoodies
- neck warmers
- earrings (except one small stud in each ear)
- rings
- other jewellery
- boots (other than 'low ankle kicker-type')
- non-Academy PE kit
- excessive make-up
- trainers (except on PE days)
- coloured socks over black tights

We want all students to wear the Academy uniform with pride. This is something that they and you agree to on admission into the Academy. Please do remind your child that they should be in the correct uniform at all times and that where they are wearing any of the above, items will be confiscated.

Academy Production - Godspell

I am very excited to announce that next week we have the long-awaited performances of Godspell on Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th or Friday 10th February, 7pm - 9.10pm. Tickets can be purchased in person, from the CA reception or on Parentpay from today - the tickets bought on Parentpay will be available for collection on the door. Tickets can also be bought on the night, if there are spaces still available.

Role Models Courses at Chelsea Academy - April 2023

Role Models will once again be hosting holiday courses at Chelsea Academy this April. Their Collaboration courses will run from 3rd – 6th April, and their Resilience courses will run from 11th – 14th April. 10am – 3pm daily. The cost of each place is £320. Although the courses on offer are for kids aged 5 - 11, we have had significant bookings in the past for children who are younger siblings of Chelsea Academy students. Role Models focus on leadership, resilience, communication and creative problem solving; all of which have been proven to raise young people's self-esteem, enhance confidence and develop their social skills.

Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th April

5 - 7 year olds: [Brilliant Me and My Confidence – click here to register](#)

View course trailer: <https://youtu.be/SpMo98MfiS>

8 – 11 year olds: [Collaboration Course – click here to register](#)

View course trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCOvMUmbRN>

Tuesday 11th – Friday 14th April

5 - 7 year olds: [Brilliant Me and My Mind – click here to register](#)

View course trailer: <https://youtu.be/SpMo98MfiSk>

8 – 11 year olds: [Resilience Course – click here to register](#)

View course trailer: <https://youtu.be/8laq4aDAFTY>

Idling cars/ parking

I am sorry to report that this is a growing problem with a small number of parents and carers. I am approached by residents almost every day. Please note we have 'School Street' in operation on Tetcott Road in the morning from 8.05am to 8.45am and 3.25 to 3.50pm (Wednesday 2.25 to 2.45pm) and only residents or deliveries should be accessing Tetcott Road and the surrounding streets. Please do not ask my staff to open the barriers so you

can drop off/ pick up your child. You need to do so on the other side of the barriers. We are working with RBKC parking services so that residents are not inconvenienced by thoughtless parking and/or idling cars. I am sure you will appreciate that we must be respectful and mindful of our neighbours as regards parking.

Message from our Chaplain, Mr. van Kan

In celebration of our LBDS Church service at St. Paul's last week; 'Being Stewards of God's wonderful creation', we have been reflecting on our unique and God-given talents which shape our community.

This week we are reminded that in the same manner in which God has beautifully and wonderfully made each one of us, he has gifted us all with the power to not only make a positive change in our communities; but that we must ultimately take care of all of God's creation. May the peace of Christ be with you all.



I hope you have a peaceful weekend. Our half termly newsletter will be arriving in your inbox next Friday, with lots of information and news about the last seven weeks.

Yours faithfully

Marcella Ardron

Mrs. Ardron
Principal