

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new academic year at Chelsea Academy. It has been excellent to see the students again and to meet our new Year 7 cohort. Thank you for making sure they have the correct uniform and are arriving punctually each day. I have tried to get around as many lessons as I can over the last week and it has been a joy to see so many happy, engaged and motivated students. We have a busy few weeks so please take the time to read through this letter. For those of you who are new to the Academy I send a fortnightly letter with a more detailed Academy newsletter coming at the end of each half term. Do also check the website for information and our Twitter feed for all our breaking news!

Open Evening on 21st September - student volunteers and early closure at 2.35pm

Our annual open evening for Year 6 children and families is taking place next Thursday. In order for us to be able to show the Academy at its best, the school will close early for all students at the end of period 5 on Thursday, that is at 2.35pm. There will be no after school activities or detentions on that day. Your child may volunteer, or be asked, to attend Open Evening as one of our brilliant student ambassadors. If so, you will be asked to complete a consent form by google - without this form your child will not be allowed to help, so please do complete it if you receive it.

INSET day - Friday 22nd September

This day is a staff training day and the Academy will be closed to all students.

Academy Photographs for Years 7, 9 and 12 - Monday 2nd October

Our Academy photographs for this academic year will be taking place on Monday 2nd October. As in previous years, this is for students in Year 7, 9 and 12, and those who have joined us since October last year. Please ensure your child is in full Academy uniform and dressed smartly for the day. As Year 7 have P.E on Mondays, we ask that they pack a school shirt and tie to wear before taking their photos. Sixth Form students should be in business/ professional attire as per the policy. Tempest Photography will then contact parents/carers directly by the email address we have on record, and you will be able to purchase copies of photos directly from them.

Learning Coach Consultation Day (LCCD) 1 - Thursday 5th October (evening) and Friday 6th October (day)

Many of you will know about this event which takes place three times a year. For those of you who do not know about LCCD; it is a unique aspect of the pastoral structure at the Academy. As a parent/ carer you are offered a 20 minute appointment to meet with your child's Learning Coach and talk about their targets for the term ahead. You will receive emails about this in the next few weeks. Your child's Learning Coach or another member of Academy staff will offer appointments on Thursday 5th October in the afternoon/ evening and then for some of Friday 6th October. This is a face-to-face event and all appointments will be on site. Please note unless you and your child are on site for the appointment on Friday 6th October, the Academy is otherwise closed to students.

The theme for this week has been 'Work Hard' and students have been encouraged to reflect on Colossians 3:23. "Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people." From what I have seen walking around the Academy this week, every single student has had this in mind as they embark on a new Academy year.

Please do log the following useful dates for the next half term. I wish you and your family a lovely weekend and hope that I can meet those of you who are new Year 7 parents on 26th September - at the Information Evening.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron
Principal

Useful dates

- **Early closure at 2.35pm** due to Open Evening - all students
- **INSET** - 22/09/23 - Academy closed to all students
- **Year 7 retreat days** - 15/09/23 (7Curie), 18/09/23 (7Einstein), 25/09/23 (7Faraday), 27/09/23 (7Galileo), 28/09/23 (7Lister), 29/09/23 (7Newton)
- **Year 7 Information evening** - parents and carers only - 26/09/23 at 5.30pm
- **Learning Coach Consultation Days (LCCD)**: 05/10//23 (evening) and 06/10//23 (day). Academy closed to all students on 06/10/23
- **Academy photos** for Year 7, 9, 12 and new students - 2/10/23
- **Year 10 Information evening** - parents and carers only - 3/10/23 at 5.30pm
- **Half-Term break** 23/10/23 - 1/11/23 inclusive
- **Students return** for HT2 at normal time 2/11/23