

Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you enjoyed the slightly longer half term break with your child(ren). We have had a really positive and successful return. As I have been visiting lessons since the start of November, I have been really proud of the work ethic shown in all year groups. Y11 start their mock examinations shortly and some very diligent students have been coming in early to participate in a daily revision breakfast! Rehearsals for the Chelsea Academy production of *The Addams Family* are now underway, UCAS offers are flooding in for our Year 13 students and we are in the process of appointing our Head Students. Mr. Fisher has delivered special Remembrance assemblies to all year groups this week - a commemoration we feel is very important to mark. And on Wednesday we welcomed Bishop Emma Ineson (Kensington) who is spending a fortnight visiting LDBS schools for Mission Week. A packed seven days to kick off this half term.

Nasal Flu vaccinations at Chelsea Academy (see letter below)

The Central and North West London (CNWL) immunisation Team will be on site on **Tuesday 28th November** to administer the Nasal flu vaccination to students in Years 7 to 11 who have parental permission. This is a good way to give your child an extra boost to avoid some of the worst winter viruses that inevitably do the rounds in schools at this time of year. Attached to this letter is the CNWL letter with the link. The team asks that you complete the online form even if you are declining the immunisation as it helps them to shape the immunisation programme they offer to our school. The nasal flu vaccination does contain a form of gelatine, and the CNWL team have advised that anyone wishing to access a vaccine without gelatine should contact their office on 020 3317 5076 and they may be able to book a clinic appointment in Kentish Town.

Culture and Identity Day - new date to be confirmed

Unfortunately we have had to postpone this special day until the spring of 2024. We have had an amazing student led group working on the day and the events and activities that they had planned are really quite impressive. However in order to run and staff this day so it is really successful and safe, we need to move it to a less hectic point in the year. Many apologies.

Term dates for the Academic year 2024 – 2025

These are available on our website (search for “term dates”) and are also attached to this letter.

The National Sleep Helpline flyer

As I did at this time last year, I am sharing some useful information from the National Sleep Helpline. We cannot stress the importance of decent sleep for our students, and the effects of poor sleep habits are very obvious in the classroom. If you need some guidance with how to help your child, please do consider getting in touch with them.

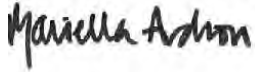
Chaplain's message

This is a friendly reminder that we are starting to collect our annual 'House of Opportunity' Christmas shoebox appeal donations from Friday 10th of November and our last collections will be on Tuesday 14th November. This is a great way for your child to engage with a charitable cause which helps other children similar to their age who normally won't get anything during the Christmas season. It would also be great to attach a £3 donation to your package which will cover the shipping costs for each shoebox. There are also instructions on what is recommended on the website. The boxes get sent to underprivileged children who are in need all across Europe. Then, (if you are happy to) please also attach £3 in an envelope as that will cover the shoebox's shipping. If you would like to know

more about the charity, please visit <https://houseofopportunity.org/what-we-do/christmas-box-appeal/> to get more in-depth information, which includes a list of what to include in the shoebox. Nevertheless, please feel free to email me if you have any further questions. May the Lord bless and keep you all.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron
Principal

Useful dates

- **Progress checks for Y7, 11, 12 & 13** sent week commencing 13/11/23
- **Year 13 Progress Evening** 30/11/23
- **Year 11 Mock exams** 8/12/23 - 20/12/23 inclusive
- **Christmas Concert** 14/12/23 starting at 5.30pm
- **Last day of term** 21/12/23 at midday

Immunisation Team

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2023 -24 Childhood Flu vaccination programme

Your child will be offered a flu vaccine that is given as a simple spray up the nose. It is painless, very quick, and serious side effects are uncommon. This vaccination programme is designed to protect your child against flu which can be an unpleasant illness and, although rarely, sometimes cause serious complications. By having the flu vaccination, children are also less likely to pass the virus on to friends and family. This will help to protect those who are at greater risk from flu including infants, older people, and those with an underlying health condition. The flu vaccine provides protection against the strains that are predicted to circulate in the coming season. These strains may change from year to year which is why we recommend vaccination every year.

We believe your child should be vaccinated and we are now inviting parents/guardians to register your consent for the above vaccination. The School Health Service are now using an electronic method of communication which is a faster, more efficient and a safer way to deliver your child's health information. We have developed a secure online link that parents/guardians can use to register consent for the vaccination. The process is quick and easy to use.

Please click on the link to access the eConsent

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/CNWLLon/pr/CNWLi2324flu/135531>

Please see the information below about consent – this is very important

1. It is vital that the consent form is completed as soon as possible. Do ensure that you have your child's NHS number when completing the online form.
2. The consent form allows you to refuse this vaccine for your child. If you are thinking about this step, please talk to your GP or ask to speak to your child's school nurse first. It is very important that you take this opportunity to protect your child against this very serious disease.

You should inform the nurses on the day of the vaccine if your child has been wheezy or there is any change in their asthma medication.

Contact the Immunisation team if you require any further assistance.

We look forward to receiving your child's e-forms. Please remember to return the consent e-form even if you DO NOT consent for the vaccination for your child, explaining the reason for your decision. This will help us in the development of the flu vaccination programme in the future.

Yours faithfully

Immunisation Team

Chelsea Academy Term dates for 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Term dates: **Monday 2nd September – Friday 20th December inclusive**

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| INSET day (no students to attend): | Monday 2nd September 2024 |
| INSET day (no students to attend): | Tuesday 3rd September 2024 |
| INSET day (no students to attend): | Wednesday 4th September 2024 |
| Year 7 and 12 only first day | Thursday 5th September 2024 |
| All students return: | Friday 6th September 2024 |
| INSET day (no students to attend): | Friday 27th September 2024 |
| Learning Coach Consultation Day 1 | TBC |
| Half-Term break: | Thursday 24th October – Friday 1st November 2024 |
| All students return: | Monday 4th November 2024 |
| Academy closes for Christmas holiday: | Friday 20th December 2024 (at midday) |
| Christmas holiday: | Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025 |

Spring Term 2025

Term dates: **Monday 6th January – Friday 4th April inclusive**

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| All students return: | Monday 6th January 2025 |
| Learning Coach Consultation Day 2 | TBC |
| Half-Term break: | Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025 |
| INSET day (no students to attend): | Monday 24th February 2025 |
| All students return: | Tuesday 25th February 2025 |
| Academy closes for Easter holiday | Friday 4th April 2025 (at midday) |
| Easter break: | Monday 7th April - 21st April 2025 |

Summer Term 2025

Term dates: **Tuesday 22nd April – Tuesday 22nd July inclusive**

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| All students return: | Tuesday 22nd April 2025 |
| Learning Coach Consultation Day 3 | TBC |
| Academy closed for May Bank Holiday: | Monday 5th May 2025 |
| Academy closed Spring May Bank Holiday | Monday 26th May 2025 |
| Half-Term break | Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025 |
| All students return: | Monday 2nd June 2025 |
| Final day of term for students | Friday 18th July 2025 (at midday) |
| INSET day (no students to attend) | Monday 21st July 2025 |
| Occasional day (no students to attend) | Tuesday 22nd July 2025 |
| Academy closes for summer holiday | Wednesday 23rd July 2025 |



the
national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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