

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you enjoyed a peaceful Christmas break. It has been excellent to have students back at the Academy ready for all the hard work and opportunity of the Spring term. On Wednesday we shared mock examination results with Year 11 in a special assembly. Many of these students worked exceptionally hard to achieve some fantastic results; others have some way to go in order to reach their academic potential. All need to keep focused on working hard through to the GCSE season. The staff and I appreciate all that you as parents do to support your child, whether in Year 13, 11 or Year 10 as they prepare to sit public examinations in the summer. Our Academy vision is that each child reaches their God given potential and that we as staff, do whatever it takes to help them in that journey.

#### **LCCD**

LCCD takes place on Thursday 26th January in the afternoon and on Friday 27th January. This is a virtual event and hopefully many of you have already booked an appointment with your child's Learning Coach. Please note the Academy is closed to all students on Friday 27th January.

#### **Parent Governor**

I hope those of you who are interested have seen that we have an upcoming Parent Governor Election. Do get in touch if you want to know more about this important role. Our Governors are friendly, hard working and very much invested in the Academy.

#### **Culture and Identity Day 21st February 2024**

We are very much looking forward to our third Academy Culture and Identity Day which as you know was postponed from the autumn. The 4th Culture group has been speaking in assemblies this week and informing students about all the events and activities planned for this exciting day! Students are very much encouraged to come to the Academy wearing their national/ traditional/ heritage dress. If this is not possible students can choose to wear blue or green to represent the globe.

#### **Save the Date**

Hopefully you may know we have our annual Academy production coming up. Chelsea Academy Drama presents for two nights only - The Addams Family! Do please come along and support students and staff in this wonderful and innovative show on **Thursday 8th or Friday 9th February** from 7pm -9pm. Tickets are £5/£8 and are available to buy via ParentPay. Once purchased tickets can be collected from Reception between 7.30am - 7pm or purchased (*if still available*) on the night (cash only).

#### **Chaplain's message**


*In mind of the activities that occurred before the Christmas Break, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the generous contributions to the Christmas Food Bank Initiative. Your generosity and support are much appreciated.*

*We began this term with reflecting on how we can show optimism; especially in moments of doubt and uncertainty. The Scripture tells us in Philippians 4:13 that, "I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength". This wonderful verse highlights the transformative power of optimism rooted in faith, assuring us that with God's help, we*

*can face any adversity or challenge with unwavering hope. With this in mind, I pray that you all find different ways to show optimism in your own life with the help of God. May the Good Lord bless you and keep you.*

Hopefully slightly milder weather on the way next week. I hope you have a good couple of weeks ahead.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron  
Principal

#### **Useful dates**

- LCCD2 - Thursday 25th January (evening appointments) and Friday 26th January 2024 (daytime appointments)
- Year 9 Progress Evening, including Options talk - Thursday 1st February 2024, 4.00pm to 8.00pm
- Academy Production - The Addams Family - Thursday 8th February and Friday 9th February 2024, starts at 7.00pm (tickets available from Reception)
- Last day of half term - Friday 9th February 2024
- Students return after half term holiday - Monday 19th February 2024 at 8.35am
- Culture and Identity Day - Wednesday 21st February 2024
- Year 12 Progress Evening - Thursday 22nd February 2024