

Friday 10th May 2024

Dear parents and carers,

At last the warmer summer weather has arrived. Yesterday the GCSE season at Chelsea Academy kicked off with GCSE RE. Year 10 students (and staff) have been working so hard to prepare for the RE GCSE; Food for Thought was packed from 7.45am yesterday morning with students taking advantage of their free breakfast and testing each other. We are incredibly proud of our resilient and hard working students. Yesterday also saw the start of examinations for the Year 11 cohort with GCSE Drama and for every single student, Biology earlier today. I am sure that Year 11 will swiftly get into the swing of exams and focused revision sessions over the next six weeks. Best of luck to you at home as well! As a reminder, here are some resources I shared last time for supporting your children at home, during what is inevitably a stressful time for them: [NHS guidance to help your child beat exam stress](#)
[Identifying and helping with exam stress](#)

Year 8 Residential

Thanks to the merry band of staff who have taken nearly all of Year 8 down to Bournemouth for the second half of this week. The sun has shone, the sea has sparkled, lots of activities have been completed, much cake and ice cream consumed and little sleep has been had! I am so pleased that we can continue to run this brilliant trip and provide this unique opportunity. At Chelsea Academy the personal development of students is as important as their academic progress. Check out Twitter for the photographic evidence!

Match of the Day (MoTD)

We were very lucky to have the BBC in a few weeks ago, filming a segment for MotD, shown on Sunday 5th May. This was in recognition of Mental Health Week starting on May 13th and featured the brilliant work Ms. Thomson leads on as our Chelsea Champions link worker. Do try and watch it on iplayer if you have not already seen it. Our wonderful students did us proud.

Uniform

Thank you for all your support with ensuring your child wears the correct uniform. Over the past fortnight the Leadership Team and Heads of Year have been ensuring that students' uniform is perfect. We are doing spot checks and confiscating non uniform items/ jewellery until the end of the week. Please do support us in our efforts by reminding your child of the policy. Many of our students have excellent uniforms and we want to keep up our high standards! Of particular concern is the amount of jewellery/ makeup that some students wear. The following from the Academy's Uniform policy is a helpful reminder:

JEWELLERY

Jewellery may not be worn, apart from a wristwatch, which should be removed for PE lessons. If ears are pierced then only one small plain gold or silver stud may be worn in each ear lobe. Earrings should be removed for PE or covered with tape.

MAKE-UP AND NAIL VARNISH

Nail varnish and obvious make-up must not be worn; students will be asked to remove these. Nail art, false nails and false eyelashes are also not permitted.

Finally on this note may I remind all students and parents/ carers that nose stud (nor any facial piercings) are **not permitted**. This is due to Health and Safety concerns and is the rule in nearly every school. Students will be asked to remove piercings.

Chaplain's Message

Our Chaplain Rev'd van Kan is also enjoying the sea air with Year 8 this week, so there is no chaplain's message this week. However in his absence please join us in our prayers for all those sitting public examinations at this time.

I hope that you enjoy the weekend ahead and those of you with a child in Year 8 are looking forward to being reunited with a tired, possibly slightly dirty but happy child!

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron
Principal

Useful dates

- Tuesday 14th May - written A level exams start
- Thursday 16th May until Friday 17th May - Year 12 Biologists Juniper Hall trip
- Monday 20th May until Friday 24th May - Mental Health Awareness Week
- Friday 24th May - last day for students before Half Term