

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing the day after our fabulous Awards Evening. It was really special to celebrate the achievement of students in 2023/24 and to see so many parents and carers. Thank you as ever for all you do to support your child flourish at the Academy. Next week I look forward to meeting Year 7 parents/ carers for our Information evening. Please note this event is for parents and carers only. It runs from 5.15 - 6.30pm.

School Street

We have noted that a small but significant number of Year 7 parents are parking on Burnaby Street to collect their child at the end of the day. Please note RBKC operates a School Street scheme and between 3.25 pm and 3.45 pm (earlier on Wednesdays) the road is closed except for access to residents and deliveries. Please do not park up and wait for your child. They need to meet you elsewhere if you are collecting them by car.

CAF breakfast

As some of you may remember, we were lucky enough to trial an initiative, funded by the Chelsea Academy Foundation, of funded breakfasts at the end of last year. We all know that starting the day with a nutritious breakfast will help a young person's day get off to a good start, ensuring that they can focus on their learning. I am therefore delighted to say that the CAF have been able to commit to funding set breakfast items for Year 7 to 11 this year, and also for Year 12 and 13 from Easter as they reach their period of exams. As always we are incredibly grateful to the CAF for their support to ensure that every child can flourish at Chelsea Academy.

Some important dates to note

As there is always a lot of information to absorb at the start of the year, I would like to draw your attention to two important dates coming up. On Thursday 26th September, the Academy will close at 2.35pm for all students, to allow us to set up for our Year 6 Open Evening that day. Many students will be invited to return later in the evening to support the event; I thank you in advance for allowing your children to help us showcase the Academy to potential students and their families. The following day is an INSET day for staff and no students should attend the Academy - on Friday 27th September.

On Monday 16th September Year 7, 9 and 12 will be having their school photographs taken. If you have a child in one of these years, you will have received an email from Mrs Courtley asking for consent to share your email/phone number with Tempest photography - this is to give you the chance to buy the images. Please complete the consent form in the email if you think you might want to do this. Don't forget, if your Year 9 child has PE on Monday, they can bring a shirt and tie to put on over their PE shirt for the photo.

There are a couple of important safeguarding updates here, including a separate letter at the end. Do take the time to read and open the link.

Social Media safeguarding

Children and Back to School Social Media - Wayne Denner

This time of year parents all over the country will be focusing on their children. Whether they're going to school for the first time, or they're seasoned educational veterans, the same feeling will fill parents and guardians. A feeling of concern for the year ahead but also excitement and pride that they're embarking on the same journey, they themselves made years prior. In recent years it has become a tradition to post 'back to school' content, to Facebook and Instagram. However, this practice comes with unseen dangers. Over on his blog Wayne Denner has written

about this issue extensively, in a short but worthwhile read he exposes some of the potential issues, lurking in the e-space. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.waynedenner.com/protect-your-child-the-hidden-dangers-of-posting-back-to-school-photos-on-social-media/>

Youth Mental Health Day - Thursday 19th September - free workshop

Next Thursday is Youth Mental Health Day. The theme this year is 'Control your scroll' with a focus on the impact of phones and technology on young people's mental health. There will be a free seminar that parents and carers can join to help them transfer their offline parenting skills into the online/digital world. Details are in the flyer at the end of this letter.

Chaplain's message

Colossians 3:23 encourages us to "work at everything with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." As we reflect on this, imagine what would our lives look like if we truly saw every task, every moment, as an opportunity to serve God. Whether in our relationships, our work, or our personal growth, we are called to put our whole heart into all that we do, not for the approval of others, but as an offering to God. By striving with this mindset, we can grow into the people God has created us to be—people of integrity, purpose, and compassion, who reflect His love in all that we do. Therefore, try your best to "Work Hard" this week! May the peace of Christ be with you all this week.

Thanks to the Rev'd VK - very much on message!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron
Principal

Upcoming useful dates:

Monday 16th September -	School photos (Year 7, 9, 12 and In Year Admissions only)
Thursday 19th and Friday 20th September -	Year 7 CATS tests and Year 11 Maths and Science Mocks
Thursday 19th September -	Year 7 Parents Information Evening (5.00pm arrival)
Thursday 26th September -	earlier finish at 2.35 pm to allow for Open Evening preparation
Friday 27th September -	INSET (Academy closed to all students)
Tuesday 1st October -	Year 10 information Evening (GCSE launch and Work Experience)
Thursday 10th October -	Learning Coach Consultation Day (LCCD) - evening appointments (from 4pm)
Friday 11th October -	LCCD - Academy closed to students, apart from booked appointments



Demystifying Parenting in an Online World

Helping parents and carers to transfer their offline parenting skills into the digital landscape.

THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26

Address
Emanuel School,
Battersea Rise,
London, SW11 1HS

6:15PM
Drinks
reception

Talk starts
7PM



Register here: https://bit.ly/stem4_digital_talk_September_24

Dear Parent/Carer,

Chelsea Academy has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and the Metropolitan Police Service. This project is known as Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is the notification to schools that a child (under 18) has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident. This will ordinarily be done by the start of the next school day.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a specially trained member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), is informed. The DSL can then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to ensure the wellbeing of the child. Our DSL is Ms Parminder Sidhu.

The Academy may be able to make provisions or adjustments to assist the child and their family.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our students and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Signed

Mariella Ardron
Principal

