

Friday 15th November 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a good week? I make no apologies for a bumper Parent Letter this week so get yourself a mug/glass of something and read on!

Culture and Identity Day

What a joyful day we have had celebrating the culture and identity of all our students and staff for our fourth Culture and Identity Day. A big thanks to the student-led 4TheCulture group and Ms. Hagan for organising today. Do check Twitter for some fantastic photographs.

Sixth Form Open Evening

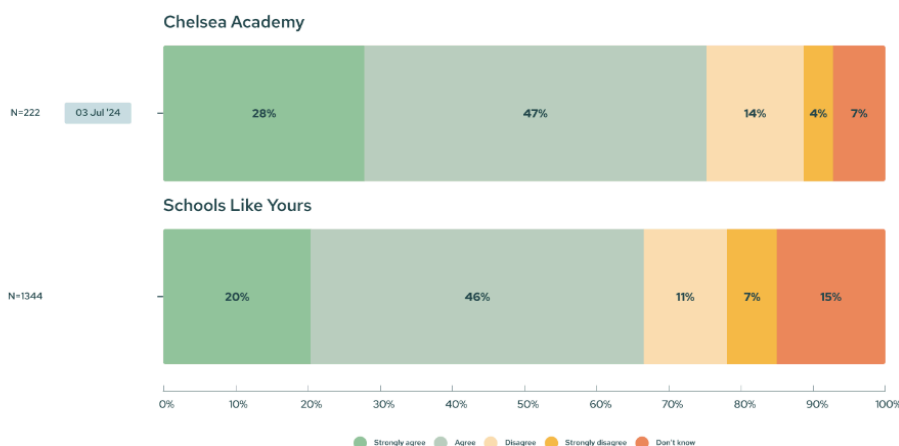
It was great to see many of you last night and to welcome external Y11 students and their families. Please do encourage your child to complete their application for the Academy's Sixth Form but to also apply to as many other institutions as they want. There is no limit! We are incredibly proud of our unique Sixth Form offer and of the value we add to our students over the two years. The Sixth Form not only provides an excellent academic education but also really prepares students well for university, apprenticeships and the adult world.

You said, we did!

In July over 200 of you responded to our survey. It was great that we had such a positive response. Thank you. The software we use to survey you, as well as staff and students, benchmarks responses against similar schools wherever possible. Here are two examples:

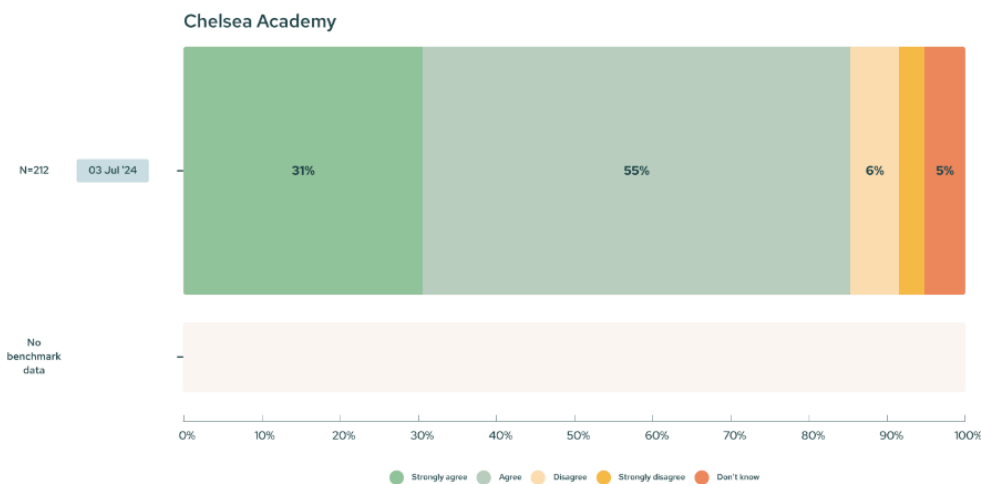
Q: The school is well led

SchoolSurveys



Q: The school is inclusive for people from my culture

SchoolSurveys:



However we want to keep on improving and so we have taken on board some of the more constructive criticisms and comments made:

- A desire for more/ different extracurricular activities. We continue to review this and have some additional sporting offers. This after school provision is mostly provided by our own staff who give their time freely. As you can appreciate it is becoming harder to ask staff to do this as they manage the demands of their teaching roles
- We have spoken with key pastoral staff to try and improve communication. You should be able to speak directly to Heads of Year or communicate in a different form such as email - and know that wherever possible you will review a response within two days. We have also revisited our communications procedures
- We have tried to be better about advance communication of Academy events such as Progress evenings and C&I Day - in response to comments made
- We recently met with our caterers. There has been a notable improvement in food quality and speed of service as a result. However as I have previously communicated, the increased cost of food is impacting on the competitiveness of the offer in Food for Thought. We continue to meet regularly with Cucina so that we can offer good, tasty food at best value but this is a challenge.

CAF Giving Tuesday

Once again, the Chelsea Academy Foundation has kindly taken on the Giving Tuesday initiative, which is a generosity movement, during which we encourage our Academy community to give back to the wider local community. This is especially relevant if you are considering making a financial donation to the CAF, as during the Giving Tuesday window these gifts have a greater impact. Please see the letter from the CAF Chair Ms Oucterlony, at the end of this letter, and thank you in advance for any support you can give.

Updated Vaccination dates

We are now able to share updated dates for students in years 7 to 11 to receive the Flu vaccination at school. These are **Tuesday 26th November for Years 7, 8, and 11** and **Friday 6th December for Years 9 and 10**. You will need to give consent, or decline to give consent using [this link](#) - which is also on the attached flyer from the Vaccination service. The link and consent is managed solely by Vaccination UK, so please do not email the Academy to give your consent as we cannot do anything with this information.

Chaplain's message - from Rev'd van Kan

As Remembrance Sunday has passed, this week we have made the effort as an Academy to honour those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Let us remember the fallen; for their courage and sacrifice have shaped the

world of freedom we live in today. By remembering their ultimate sacrifice, we pray that their legacy lives on through our remembrance. We honour their memory and express our gratitude for the freedoms they fought to preserve on our behalf. In reflection of this, let us also make every effort to live in a way that honours their memory and upholds the values they fought for. May the Lord bless and keep you.

We were privileged to have Mr. Fisher, HoY9, deliver special Remembrance assemblies to all students.

I have attached an important letter from the office of the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). Yesterday we had notification of our upcoming inspection. This will take place on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November. The inspector will be speaking to some of our young people as part of the process and will be visiting lessons and meeting with staff and governors over the two days. Keep us in your prayers please!

I look forward to seeing Y8 families on Thursday for the Progress Evening.

Enjoy your weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron
Principal

Upcoming useful dates:

Tuesday 21st November	Year 8 Progress Evening (4pm to 7.30pm)
Tuesday 26th November	Flu Vaccinations for Years 7, 8, 11
Thursday 5th December	Year 11 Mock Exams start (until 19th December)
Thursday 5th December	Year 13 Progress Evening (4pm - 7.30pm)
Friday 6th December	Flu Vaccinations for Years 9 and 10
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Concert (ticketed event) - starts at 5.30pm
From 16th December	Year Group Christmas lunches this week (more details to follow)
Friday 20th December	Students dismissed from 12.05pm



Dear Parent/Carer,

The trustees of the Chelsea Academy Foundation are excited to announce that we will be taking part in [Giving Tuesday 2024](#). Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement, which celebrates and encourages doing good. Our aim is to encourage the entire Chelsea Academy community to get involved and to be generous in many ways-giving not just money, but hours and energy to communities, people, and causes.

Our Giving Tuesday celebrates student volunteering and participation in these Life Skill programmes and we will be highlighting our students and their experiences in Foundation-funded Life Skills programmes at Chelsea Academy. Please enjoy, like and share the stories we post during this period.

We hope to raise £15,000 to ensure the future of our student Life Skills programmes – those that help to broaden students' horizons, narrow the attainment and social mobility gap, and encourage students to fulfil their overall potential. All students at Chelsea Academy take part in some of these programmes like the Oppidan mentoring scheme, oracy initiatives like Debate Mate and Vox Pops, Career Accelerator programme, The Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Rowing at Fulham Reach, events and opportunities such as mock interview practice, career speakers and volunteer opportunities for students.

All donations made between 9 November and 6 December will go towards our Giving Tuesday fundraising campaign.

One-Off Gifts:

- Each donation received between 11 November and 25 November, will result in an additional £10 added to the campaign
- All donations made between 26 November and 3 December will unlock up to £5,000 in matching funds, doubling the impact of each gift
- If we reach 50 donors in the campaign, an additional donation of £500 will be received; If we reach 100 donors in this campaign, an additional donation of £1,000 will be received

Become a Monthly Donor:

Throughout the campaign, all new donors that sign up to become regular monthly givers - for as little as £2/month to the Foundation will raise an additional £20 for the Giving Tuesday campaign.

Please consider donating to this Giving Tuesday campaign. Every gift makes a difference and can open extra funding for student Life Skills programmes. To make a donation, please click [here](#).

Finally, and most importantly, please share our Giving Tuesday messages like this email and our social media posts with family and friends! Sharing the great Life Skills opportunities at Chelsea Academy helps ensure that students can enjoy these programmes and experiences throughout their time at Chelsea Academy!

Thank you for your support.

With kindest regards,

Megan Ouchterloney
Chelsea Academy Foundation, Chairperson

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