

Friday 25th April 2025

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you enjoyed the Easter break. It was a joy to see the students return this week for what is a very short half term!

Amendments to Academy policies - Recording

Please be aware that with immediate effect, we have updated certain Academy documents (the Home / Academy agreement, the Privacy notices and the Behaviour Policy) to make it clear that recording or circulating sound, video or capturing images in lessons or around the Academy on any device (unless under the direction and with the permission of the supervising teacher) is not permitted. Malicious circulation of any such material, whether of a student or of staff, will be treated as a serious breach of the behaviour policy. I would appreciate you taking a moment to ensure that your children are aware that this is the case. We have also clarified in our Privacy policies that whilst Chelsea Academy understands that the law does not require a parent/carer to seek permission to record a meeting or discussion, staff at the Academy owe a duty towards students and their families in respect of their privacy. Therefore, in the spirit of openness and to allow the Academy to deal with matters sensitively, and to maintain confidentiality at all times, if a parent/carer intends to record a meeting consent should be sought.

LCCD 3 (virtual)

This takes place on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd May. Please make sure you book an appointment with the relevant member of staff. We know that these meetings are really valuable and help your child focus on how they can make even more secure progress in their learning. A reminder that the Academy is only open to Year 11 and 13 who are on site for revision sessions in the morning. Students return to the Academy on Tuesday 6th May (after the Bank Holiday).

Change to the Safer Schools Officer provision by the Met Police

I have included a letter from the Neighbourhood Policing team, which explains that the Safer Schools Officer provision, which currently means we have a named PC that we can call on if needed, is being disbanded. We have greatly appreciated the work done by our Safer Schools Officers to keep our students and community safe, and we are hopeful that the new programme of Dedicated Ward Officers will continue to prioritise the important partnerships that exist with the Academy and other local schools.

Chaplain's message - Rev. van Kan

This week, our focus has been on genuine generosity. This is the kind of giving that comes from the heart. Whether it's offering our time, support, or a simple word of encouragement, true generosity is about seeing a need and responding with love. Jesus showed us the ultimate example of this by giving himself up for us, not out of obligation, but out of compassion. Therefore, when we give with no strings attached, we reflect His heart to the world around us. I encourage you to make an effort in the upcoming weeks to find a way you can show genuine generosity whilst not expecting something in return for your kindness. This is what truly pleases God. May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron
Principal

Upcoming and important dates

Monday 28th April -	Progress checks sent this week
Thursday 1st May -	LCCD evening appointments (online) from 4pm
Friday 2nd May -	LCCD daytime appointments (online)
Friday 2nd May -	Year 11 and 13 Onsite Exam preparation sessions - see emails from staff with details
Monday 5th May -	Bank Holiday - Academy closed to all students
Weds 7th - Fri 9th May -	Year 8 Land and Wave residential trip to Bournemouth
Thursday 8th May -	GCSE exams start
Monday 12th May -	A level exams start
Tuesday 13th May -	HPV vaccinations for Year 8 - click here to complete the form
Friday 23rd May -	Academy closes for half term at usual time
Mon 23rd - Fri 30th May -	Half term - Academy closed to all students

Things happening in the local area:

Dragonmeet: Call to Adventure – 26 April 2025

[Young Dragons Promotional Video - YouTube](#)

Dragonmeet: Call to Adventure: How can you make a day of learning something that young people want to go to...? You teach Maths with Magic, Design with Dragons and Art whilst Adventuring. On Saturday 26 April, Dragonmeet, in partnership with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster City Council, is returning to London for a full day of events! Tabletop games for all ages to enjoy, a host of wonderful exhibitors, a plethora of activities to take part in including painting miniature models and a treasure hunt. Best of all – entry to this event is free and drop in all day! [Grab your ticket today](#)

Creative Writing Programme – Telling Tales (year 7 only)

Children aged between 7-11 years old who love to discover the amazing world of art are invited to join the team at Brompton Library from Saturday 26 April, 2-3.30pm for a free 6-week creative writing programme called Telling Tales where imaginations come to life.

Participants will work with poet Paul Lyalls to become a poetry pioneer by creating and sharing poems alone as well as with others. Children will receive a certificate and have a fun special event at the end of the programme.

Telling Tales programme is brought to you by Kensington and Chelsea Libraries and Apples and Snakes. Sponsored by John Lyon's Charity. If you would like to take part, please visit Brompton Library to sign up. There are only 20 places available.

