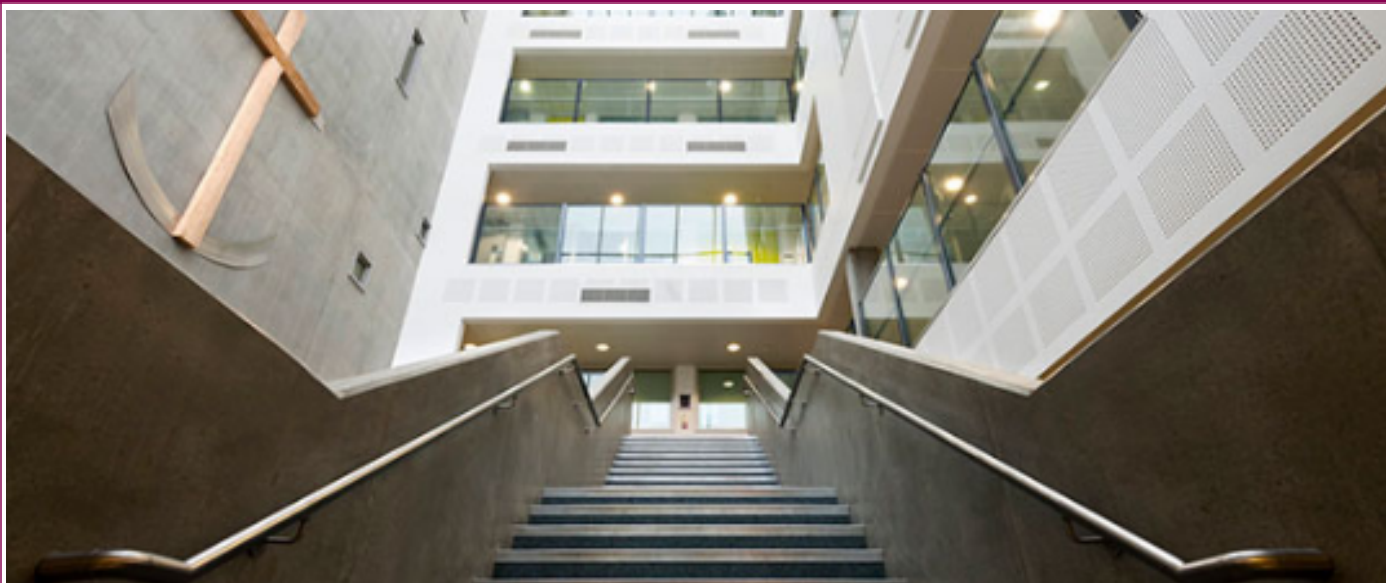


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

And so the end of another academic year draws to a close. For me personally it marks my first five years as Principal - a fact I shared with the Class of 25 as they celebrated the end of their GCSEs with the Leavers' Assembly. Together we started as shy, nervous 'newbies' in September 2020 and look at the incredible young people they have become! I am definitely older, wiser and have more grey hair, but also feel the luckiest Principal in London (most days!). The time has flown by and I am enormously proud of what we have achieved together. The Academy goes from strength to strength and we are constantly evolving to be better at all we do. It has been brilliant to read through a summary of what we have been up to this term. I hope you too enjoy reading this newsletter. I often say that the opportunities we provide here are incredible; we genuinely want every single student to benefit so that they can flourish throughout their time at Chelsea Academy.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to the following members of staff this summer:

Ms. Kriuar, Mrs. Courtley, Mr. Gilchrist, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Breen, Ms. Spearpoint, Mr. Watson, Ms. Hetherington, Ms. Gill, Mrs Wood, Ms. Yalcinkaya, Ms. Cheung, Rev'd van Kan & Ms. Ventaja. Thank you and we wish you well in your moves for relocation, retirement or a career change.

I leave you with this lovely, well known Irish blessing:

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Have a restful summer break and see you in September! Year 7 and Year 12 return on Thursday 4th September and all other students on Friday 5th September. We will be in touch at the end of August regarding the start of the new academic year.

Mariella Ardron
Principal

ACADEMIC UPDATE

By *Ms Marshall - Vice Principal*

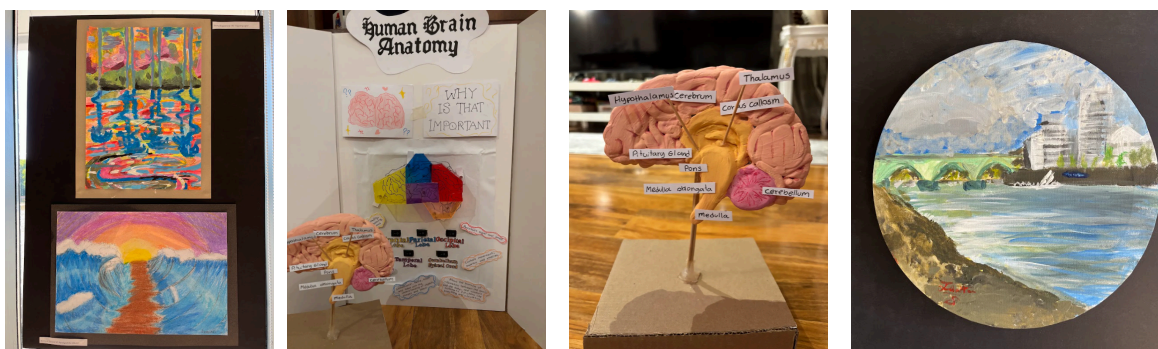
Academic & Fundraising Triumphs: We're incredibly proud of our students' hard work this term. Year 11 and 13 handled their **GCSE and A Level exams** exceptionally well, and we're eager to see their results in August. Other year groups diligently prepared for their End of Year exams, reflecting on their progress.

A major highlight was the Year 7 **Courageous Advocacy Day**, where students tackled issues like **racism** and **poverty**. Their efforts, including homemade lemonade and quizzes, raised over **£700 for Save the Children!** Well done, Year 7!

Departmental Successes: The History department is thrilled that over 100 Year 9 students chose to take History at GCSE next year—our highest number yet! This speaks volumes about the quality of teaching. In Science, congratulations to Year 9's Peach, who won the Key Stage 3 competition with her stunning presentation on Human Brain Anatomy.

Art Students Shine: Our Art students truly flourished, gaining recognition in prestigious local and London exhibitions. Year 9's Adnan had his work displayed at the CA Cadogan Pier Art Exhibition 2025, commenting, "It made me think about how making Art can be a whole career." Similarly, Year 9's Jennifer was "thrilled" to have her piece selected for the renowned Royal Academy School Art exhibition 2025, saying, "The moment you walk into the Royal Academy and see your work up on the wall it is just 'wow!'" And Nicholas A in Year 8 saw a fabulous pencil drawing submitted to the online Royal Academy exhibition. Congratulations to these two!

It's clear our students are dedicated, talented, and making a real impact both inside and outside the Academy!



FLOURISH & FUTURES WEEK

By *Ms Marshall - Vice Principal*

This year we have been extremely excited to mark the inauguration of our annual Flourish and Futures week which took place in the first week of July. This week was hugely successful and students enjoyed a range of activities and trips to really embed a sense of enjoyment and belonging to the Academy.

Years 7 to 9 took part in a Workplace Visit or Careers Day designed to give them an insight into the world of work and explore their future goals and ambitions. They also had the opportunity to enhance their understanding of the curriculum with teachers, through on-site drop down days and curriculum trips. Year 10 and year 12 immersed themselves in their own work experience, an incredibly invaluable opportunity to explore their future goals in the world of work.

This was a wonderful week which gave staff and students the chance to enjoy each other's company in a slightly different setting, outside of normal lessons.

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE

By *Ms Sidhu - Designated Safeguarding Lead*

If, over the summer, you have welfare concerns relating to your own child or indeed any student at Chelsea Academy, you may want to contact Children's Services in your local borough. If you are worried about a child's immediate safety please call the police on 999.

RBKC:

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/kensington-and-chelsea-social-services-line>

Email:

socialservices@rbkc.gov.uk

socialservices@rbkc.gov.uk.cjsm.net (secure email)

Telephone:

020 7361 3013 (Social Services Line)

020 7373 2227 (Emergency Duty Team - after 5pm and weekends)

Hammersmith and Fulham:

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/children-and-family-care/worried-about-child>

Telephone:

020 8753 6600 (general enquiries)

020 8753 6610 (for anonymous consultations/advice)

familyservices@lbhf.gov.uk

Out of hours service: 020 8748 8588

Wandsworth:

<https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/children-and-families/report-a-concern-about-a-child/>

- Telephone: 020 8871 6622
- Telephone outside of normal office hours (after 5pm weekdays or on weekends): 020 8871 6000
- Email: mash@wandsworth.gov.uk

Westminster:

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/children-and-families/childrens-social-care>

- Access to Children's Service team 020 7641 4000 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday) or Emergency Duty Team 020 7641 2388 (outside of these times).

Lambeth:

<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/community-safety-anti-social-behaviour/report-concern-about-child/report-concerns-about-child>

To report concerns call: 020 7926 5555

<https://www.gov.uk/report-child-abuse>

NSPCC: Helpline: 0808 800 5000 or email help@NSPCC.org.uk



CAREERS

By **Mr Flitcroft - Director of Careers/Deputy Head Year 12 & Year 13**

We are proud of all students across the Academy for developing their career readiness skills over this Summer Term.

Both Year 7 and Year 8 students represented themselves and our community brilliantly whilst completing their workplace visits. We are so grateful to the organisations that supported us and opened their doors to students and staff. These included QPR, Royal Court Theatre, Royal Hospital Chelsea, White City Place, E.ON, Harbour Club, Saatchi Gallery and the Berkeley.

Year 9 engaged wonderfully in their options process and were excellent during Flourish & Futures week when Miss Spearpoint arranged for some special guests from various industries to deliver a range of talks about their professions and career development journeys which were supplemented by activities that developed students' financial awareness.

Year 10 and Year 12 completed work experience and returned to the Academy motivated to turn their experiences into evidence for employers and universities, and fuel to motivate their future endeavours.

As ever we owe our successes to the partnerships we have with some exceptional organisations. The Construction Youth Trust were working this term not only with students in Year 12 and Year 10 to develop their skills to gain competitive apprenticeship opportunities, but also delivered an outstanding work experience project to 30 Year 10 students this year. MyBigCareer delivered 1:1 career guidance interviews via video link to over 80 students in Year 10. The Berkeley supported Year 9 and Year 10 students in the Academy as well as opening their doors to a group of Year 8 students. A special mention to the CAF who supported a range of activities including getting a behind the scenes tour of Harrods for some Year 10 students during their work experience week.

Year 7: CHELSEA FOUNDATION

Kingsmeadow Hosts Inspiring Summer Festival for Young Girls

By **Ms Thomson - Chelsea Champion - Health & Wellbeing**

A group of lucky Year 7 students from Chelsea Academy, alongside pupils from other local schools enjoyed a day of fun and empowerment at Kingsmeadow, home of Chelsea FC Women, for the Inspire Her Summer Festival. The day was designed to inspire and engage, offering a diverse range of activities. While the thrill of football was a key element, with the girls actively participating in matches and honing their skills, the festival also provided opportunities for creative expression and well-being. Many students enjoyed the colourful transformations at the face painting stations, while others opted for stylish braided hairstyles. Adding a unique dimension to the day, the festival incorporated a calming yoga session, allowing the girls to explore mindfulness. The energy levels then soared again with a dynamic dance class led by the talented professional dancer Trina Nicole, who guided the students through expressive movements and infectious rhythms. Adding to the excitement, Chelsea Foundation trustee and Inspire Her ambassador, Captain Millie Bright OBE, made a special appearance. Fresh from their FA Cup victory, she brought along the Adobe Women's FA Cup, offering a real symbol of achievement to inspire the young girls. The Inspire Her Summer Festival offered a memorable experience, blending the excitement of football with opportunities for creativity and movement, leaving a positive and inspiring mark on the young attendees. You can read more about the day's events by clicking the link [here](#)



Year 8: LAND & WAVE RESIDENTIAL TRIP

By *Ms Fox-Clark - Student Wellbeing Lead*

Year 8 students had an unforgettable experience on their Land & Wave trip to Bournemouth, filled with outdoor challenges, teamwork, and lots of laughter. From jumbo paddle boarding in Swanage Bay to practising their climbing skills indoor rock climbing, students embraced every opportunity to build confidence and resilience. In the woods near Corfe Castle, they developed bushcraft survival skills learning how to light fires, cook over a campfire (marshmallows were a highlight!), and build waterproof shelters. The adventure didn't stop at sunset; evenings were packed with games, pool time, and even a live stream of the football before winding down for a well-earned rest. The trip offered not only the chance to try new experiences but also to build confidence, resilience, strong friendships and support for each other making it a truly memorable experience for all. Staff were incredibly proud of how students embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and supported one another throughout. A big thank you to all the students and staff who attended and who made the trip such a success



Year 11: A GRAND FINALE

By *Mr Daverat - Associate Assistant Principal & Senior Pastoral Leader*

Half-Term 6 brought a period of focused quiet for our Year 11 students as they successfully completed their final GCSE exams. Now, a collective breath is held as we eagerly await their results on **Thursday, August 21st**.

But "quiet" certainly doesn't mean uneventful! Our fantastic students marked the end of an era with two unforgettable events, both bursting with energy: a joyous Celebration Assembly and a dazzling Prom. Laughter echoed through the assembly as everyone reminisced about their journey in Chelsea Academy uniform, delighting in the tradition of signing each other's shirts – a tangible collection of memories. A highlight was the collection of photos of yesteryear and shared memories. The magic continued at the Prom, held at the stunning Rafayel Hotel with the Thames as a breathtaking backdrop. As the sun dipped below the horizon, painting the sky with vibrant colours, our students danced the night away! They snapped countless photos, enjoyed refreshing mocktails, and forged last-minute memories that will undoubtedly last a lifetime.

Our next landmark day is fast approaching in August, and we absolutely can't wait to welcome your child back to collect those all-important results!

Goodbye Class of 2025 and good luck!

As you embark on your next adventures, remember the skills, knowledge, and friendships you've gained. The future holds endless possibilities, and with dedication and resilience, you're ready to achieve great things.



WORK HARD BE KIND NO EXCUSES

Year 12: JUPITER HALL

By *Ms Beadles - Second i/c Science*

Year 12 Biology students all enjoyed a productive two days at Juniper Hall Field Studies Centre by Box Hill for two days. They were able to complete practical activities in woodland and also river settings. Students enjoyed visiting the coppiced and mature woodland, looking at quadrat and random sampling, measuring a variety of variables. They also did pond dipping for snails with the capture-mark-release-recapture method across the two days. We also got to see a newt during this experience - a first for many! A highlight for many students was the mammal trapping we were fortunate to do, where we observed two voles, before releasing them back into nature. Thursday night we were fortunate to enjoy a campfire together and then get a good night's sleep before a busy Friday. Students spent all day Friday in the glorious sunshine beside and within the River Tillingbourne. They learnt about kick sampling, identified many invertebrates and sampled a variety of factors which could have affected the populations living there, designing their own studies. Topped off with a lot of statistical analysis - students did amazingly well and really enjoyed the overall experience of learning about all of these sampling methods outdoors.



ANNUAL SPORTS DAY: A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

PE Department

This year's Sports Day was a resounding success, benefiting from exceptionally hot weather that allowed for a full afternoon of activities. This event, a highlight of the Academy's calendar, brought together students brimming with enthusiasm and a spirit of friendly competition. The Sports Day featured a wide array of athletic challenges designed to showcase various skills and foster teamwork. In volleyball, students executed powerful spikes and strategic plays, while benchball saw precise throws and agile movements. Each House competed vigorously, fueling an atmosphere of growing excitement and healthy rivalry. A particular highlight was the tug-of-war, where teams strained with collective might, their muscles taut as they battled for supremacy. The culmination of each event was met with enthusiastic cheers from spectators and participants alike, celebrating both individual achievements and collective effort as winners were announced and medals awarded. Students consistently exhibited their best, whether in high-profile events or smaller, equally significant competitions. Their commitment to giving their all was palpable across the board. Ultimately, **Lister** House emerged as the overall victor, their triumph met with immense pride and a sense of accomplishment. The anticipation for next year's Sports Day is already building, with other Houses undoubtedly looking to challenge **Lister's** reign. The day concluded with a strong sense of pride and humility among all participants, their impressive athletic abilities and collaborative spirit shining brightly.

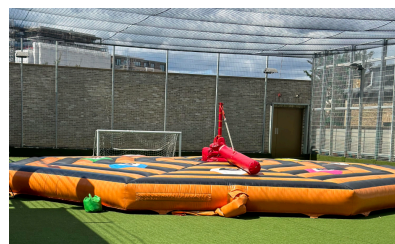


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CHELSEA ACADEMY TRANSFORMED

This week we hosted our annual, spectacular student wellbeing sessions. The first floor terrace was turned into a hub of excitement and laughter for all. It was two days of pure, unadulterated fun, creating unforgettable memories. The Academy buzzed with energy as students eagerly jumped into classic carnival games. Strategic minds were tested with giant versions of Jenga and Connect 4. Noughts & Crosses proved a timeless hit, while the satisfying clatter of falling cans at Tin Can Alley drew enthusiastic participants eager to test their aim. For the thrill-seekers the Large Striker challenged students to test their strength; sending the puck soaring. The Gladiator Duel saw friendly rivalries ignite on an inflatable platform, and the bouncy, unpredictable Last One Standing provided plenty of laughs. The crowd favorite was undoubtedly the Rodeo Camel which bucked and swayed, eliciting screams of delight. Two electronic basketball hoops kept budding athletes entertained, showcasing their shooting skills. The Photo booth captured silly moments and the Stocks and Bucket provided lighthearted, damp fun. To top it all off, students enjoyed chicken & chips, refreshing ice lollies and sweet candy floss.

These two days were a fantastic opportunity for students to unwind, socialise and create lasting memories outside their usual academic routine. The air was filled with infectious energy, proving that a little bit of fun can go a long way in fostering our positive and vibrant Academy community.



JACK PETCHEY STUDENT AWARD

The Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme, recognises and celebrates outstanding young people who have gone above and beyond to achieve. Awards mean different things to different people. The Achievement Awards are not solely for academic achievement: they may be used to recognise a personal triumph for someone who has faced a challenge; a young person who has pushed themselves outside of their comfort zone or it may be an opportunity to recognise the outstanding efforts of a team player. Students are nominated by their peers. The winners receive a certificate, Jack Petchey award pin and £300 to be spent on additional activities, such as trips, or new equipment for the school.

Congratulations to all our fantastic students who have gone above and beyond for our school and the wider community. Below are this school year's winners:



SEPTEMBER: Danyal, Year 9 Galileo

OCTOBER: Helen, Year 10 Galileo

NOVEMBER: Masilya, Year 9 Lister

JANUARY: Judah, Year 8 Einstein

FEBRUARY: Raabia, Year 10 Einstein

MARCH: Isabel, Year 11 Faraday

APRIL: Quezia, Year 12 Newton

MAY: Deen, Year 10 Newton

JUNE: Eva, Year 8 Galileo

CHELSEA ACADEMY FOUNDATION

By **Mrs Hitchcock - Fundraising and Development Manager**

It has been a very busy term for the Chelsea Academy Foundation! There has been a university visit for all year 12 students, a biology field trip to Juniper Hall, and Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold expeditions. The Foundation supported work experience week by organising several office visits to multinational companies, including TT International, Russell Reynolds, and Harrods, while also offering work experience at Suzu House. The sixth form students benefited from the expertise of our partners at Russell Reynolds, who taught them how to create stand-out profiles on LinkedIn. And former students enjoyed an alumni reunion on the rooftop terrace.

The Foundation also celebrated the first annual Social Enterprise Competition, where students created business models to tackle social problems such as food insecurity, affordable housing, homelessness and unemployment, and crisis response in the community.

Thank you to all of the donors, corporate partners, and volunteers for making these fantastic opportunities possible for students at Chelsea Academy.

Please click [here](#) to sign up for the Chelsea Academy Foundation newsletter to hear more!



COMMUNITY TEA PARTY

By **Ms Marshall - Vice Principal**

This year we had a wonderful afternoon hosting a Summer Tea Party for senior citizens in our local community. Approximately 40 guests enjoyed an afternoon in the library with volunteers from across years 7 - 12. Our students were exceptional in their service, tending to our guests' every need by serving teas and coffees and a selection of sandwiches and sweet treats. Crucially to the event, they then sat down amongst our guests to spend the afternoon in each other's company. Our students were phenomenal throughout and everyone left thrilled with the engaging conversations they had and full of compliments for our young people. We are looking forward to strengthening our partnership with the charities who helped facilitate this - Open Age and Age UK - and look forward to hosting more events in the future!



REFLECTION

By Rev Dwight van Kan - Chaplain

By the grace of God, we have reached the end of the academic year.

It has been a journey filled with both joyful moments and challenges. Along the way, we've gained valuable life lessons and discovered new perspectives about the world — and perhaps even about ourselves. Some of these insights may have come from places we hadn't considered in previous years. Yet, through it all, we've made it to the finish line!

As you enter the summer break, I pray it will be a time of true refreshment — filled with peace, laughter, and, above all, rest.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.