

Friday 16th January 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Many thanks to all Year 11 families who attended the Progress Evening last night. Year 11 have now received their mock examination results in a special assembly on Wednesday and we were really pleased that so many of the cohort worked extremely hard for those exams and achieved some excellent results. No pressure for August!

Learning Coach Consultation Day 2 - Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 January

You will have received information on how to book a 15-minute appointment either on Wednesday or Thursday of next week; please check your email for this. This is an in-person event at the Academy and an opportunity for you to meet with your child's Learning Coach or Head of Year/ Deputy Head of Year. Please note that there are no lessons on Thursday 22nd and your child should only attend their appointment with a parent/ carer.

Year 9 Progress Evening and Options talk

Our Year 9 Progress Evening will be held on Thursday 29th January. In addition to meeting with your child's subject teachers, there will be an Options talk in the Theatre starting at 5.00pm where you will be given key information regarding the Options process. There will be an early finish for all students at 2.35pm on this day and Year 9 students should return to the Academy with their parents/ carer for their appointments.

Academy Production

Hopefully you will know that this year's exciting Academy Production will be 'Sister Act'! There will be two show nights on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th February, starting at 6pm each night. Tickets will soon be on sale for £8 and £5 concessions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 12 HE Launch evening

On the evening of Tuesday 10th February we will be hosting our Year 12 Higher Education and post-18 choices evening. We are very lucky to have Mike Nicholson from the University of Cambridge as a guest speaker, along with a guest from the Construction Youth Trust to talk about apprenticeships and some of our Chelsea Academy alumni. More details will be sent to Year 12 families in the coming weeks. We hope to see all Year 12 students there with a parent or carer to discuss their plans for the next step in their education and career.

Note on student medical conditions

Please inform the Academy - either via your child's Head of Year - or to Fabileny.sheldon@chelsea-academy.org who is based at Student Services, if your child has a new medical condition that we are not aware of. Equally you might need to provide us with an update. This is key safeguarding information that we must legally have a record of and I can easily see how as parents, we might forget to let school know if there has been a change. Thanks for your support with this.

A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives

I am pleased to share a new resource with you: [What I wish my parents or carers knew](#), a guide recently published by the Children's Commissioner for England. Digital safety is a shared responsibility, and we know that many parents find it increasingly difficult to balance the benefits of the online world with the need to protect children from harm. This guide has been created to help you navigate those everyday digital habits and challenges. Please take a moment to read the guide which I hope you will find insightful.

Chaplain's message - from Anita Rolls

*This week in school we have been reflecting on the theme *Being a Light in Your Community*, inspired by the words of Philippians 2:15, which encourage us to “shine like stars in the world.” It is a reminder that each of us has the capacity to make a positive difference through the way we live, speak, and care for others.*

We explored the idea that being a light is rarely about grand gestures, but about small, everyday acts of kindness, inclusion, and integrity that quietly shape the communities we are part of. When young people recognise their influence - whether in friendships, in the classroom, or beyond the school gates - they begin to see how their actions can bring encouragement and hope to those around them. My hope is that this focus continues to inspire moments of compassion and responsibility, both within school and at home, as we all seek to be a positive presence in the lives of others.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Wednesday or Thursday, next week. I hope you have a lovely and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardon
Principal

Upcoming useful dates:

Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd January - LCCD

Thursday 29th January - Year 9 Progress Evening including Options Talk (students finish at 2.35pm)

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th February - Academy Production

Tuesday 10th February - Year 12 HE Launch evening