

Friday 20th March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Our Year 7 Spiritual retreats have been a great success so far, thanks to Anita our Chaplain for organising these. It feels very apt that these have all been held during both the Christian period of Lent and the Muslim observation of Ramadan. We wish all our families celebrating Eid today and over the weekend, a blessed celebration.

Year 10 Progress evening

The Year 10 Progress evening is next week on Wednesday 25th March at the Academy. Appointments are available from 3.00 - 6.45pm and can be booked via the Parents Evening booking system. Mr Flitcroft, Director of Careers, will be available on the evening to address any work experience queries.

Year 11 Futures Day

All Year 11 families will have received information regarding Futures Day which takes place on Friday 27th March. Students will be off-timetable participating in various workshops and sessions relating to post-16 education.

Last day of term

On the morning of Friday 27th March, we will gather as an Academy community for our End of Term Collective Worship with two consecutive services to accommodate Years 7, 8, 9, and 10. These end of term acts of Collective Worship are a cornerstone of our Academy life - a time to pause and find a moment of peace before the Easter holidays begin. Students will be dismissed home from 12.15pm.

Meningitis B

You will no doubt be aware of the recent outbreak of Meningitis B in the Kent area. We are monitoring the situation and have received advice from Public Health England that there are no concerns outside of Kent. As you're aware, on Monday 23rd March, the Schools Immunisation Team will be at the Academy to administer the DTP (teenage booster) and Meningitis ACWY immunisations to Year 9 and those in older year groups who missed this in Year 9. You must complete the online consent form via this [link](#) if you'd like your child to receive this vaccination. Further information on vaccinations can be found here [Meningitis - Vaccination - NHS](#). It is recommended that everyone knows the signs and symptoms of [Meningococcal disease](#) and knows how to protect themselves and others.

CAF update

Last week, the Foundation supported 26 Year 8 girls to attend a conference at the London Stock Exchange for International Women's Day. They returned full of enthusiasm — one student said, *"It was a really inspiring day where I got to meet successful women that found their own way through their careers."* Next week, our Year 10 students will have the chance to practise their interview skills in our mock interview event with over 30 volunteer professionals, including several alumni. To find out more about what the Foundation does and to receive our end-of-term newsletter next week, please click [here](#).

Year 8 HPV immunisation

The Schools Immunisation team will be at the Academy on Wednesday 15th April to administer the Human Papillomavirus Virus (HPV) immunisations to students in Year 8 and those in the older year groups who may have missed it previously. You will receive an email from the Schools Immunisation Team directly inviting you to learn more about these immunisations and to indicate your consent to these immunisations.

Reminder: Updating contact details on Edulink

Please take a moment to review and update your contact information in EduLink. It is vital that we have all parent/ carer current home address, email addresses and additional contacts on file. Additionally, please review your parental consent preferences, as this ensures we respect your wishes regarding Academy and Foundation news, events and fundraising updates, and social media. Keeping these details accurate helps us maintain a safe and well-connected community.

Enter the 2026 Grantham Climate Art Prize

Young people aged 11 – 25 can now win **£500** and a box of art materials in the 2026 [Grantham Climate Art Prize](#), a competition that invites them to design a mural depicting a sustainable city. The 20m long and 2.4m high mural will be situated at Imperial College's White City campus. Students from schools, colleges and universities can submit a design for the mural with the theme: **What does a thriving, vibrant city full of innovation and nature look and feel like?** They will need to consider a list of innovative and eco-solutions to create an eye-catching design available here: www.imperial.ac.uk/grantham/events/grantham-art-prize/ The winning design will be selected by a panel including the mural artist and experts in climate change and innovation at Imperial College. It will be transformed into a large-scale mural by professional artist Jeru Nomi. Runner-up designs will be exhibited on the campus as part of an exhibition alongside the winning mural and **there will be cash prizes for two runners up (£250 each)**. See the poster attached for more details.

Chaplain's message

It has been a significant few weeks at Chelsea Academy. Between the reflective energy of the Year 7 Spiritual Retreats and the shared discipline of Ramadan, there has been a wonderful sense of community across our year groups. At the heart of our Christian ethos is the belief that we are all called to live in peace and mutual respect. Seeing our students embody this so naturally - learning and growing together regardless of their background - is a powerful counter-narrative to the geopolitical divisions we often see in the wider world. As we head into the Easter break, I hope the holidays offer you a chance to pause and recharge. I wish you and your loved ones a peaceful time of refreshment and renewal.

Next week we will share our termly Anchor & Flourish newsletter. A reminder that the Academy closes at 12.15pm on Friday 27th March for the Easter holidays. All students return on Monday 13th April at the normal time of 8.35am.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron
Principal

Upcoming useful dates:

Monday 23rd March - Year 9 DTP/Meningitis ACWY vaccinations

Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th - End of term Celebration assemblies

Wednesday 25th March - Year 10 Progress Evening

Thursday 26th March - Friday 27th March - Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice expedition

Friday 27th March - Year 11 Futures Day

Friday 27th March - Students dismissed from the Academy from 12.15pm

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April - Easter holidays

Monday 13th April - Academy reopens for Summer Term