

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

We have reached the end of National Careers Week with students participating in various work-related workshops and activities, thanks to Mr Flitcroft, our Director of Careers, for his organisation of events. The Y9 Careers day has been postponed til next month but promises to be a brilliant day!

Well done to those students who have undertaken mock exams in the past fortnight, results of which will be shared in the coming weeks and we hope parents and carers of Year 12 found last night's Progress Evening beneficial.

### **Year 7 Spiritual Retreats**

I am delighted to share that our Year 7 Spiritual Retreats will be taking place this month, providing a wonderful opportunity for our youngest students to reflect and grow together. These retreats will be held at St Luke's Church, Redcliffe Gardens, across six dates between Monday 9th March and Tuesday 24th March. Students will attend for one day with their respective House groups and the full schedule and specific dates for each House have already been shared with parents, so please do check your recent communications for those details.

### **Year 10 Progress evening - date change**

Please note that our Year 10 Progress evening has moved to **Wednesday 25th March** and appointments can be booked between 3 - 6.45pm. This event will be held on site. The Academy will open at the normal time of 8.35 the following morning.

### **Updating contact details on Edulink**

To ensure you stay fully informed about your child's progress and receive school updates, 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.

### **End of Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr**

With the end of Ramadan approaching, we would like to wish all our students and their families Eid Mubarak. If your child will be taking time off to celebrate, please note that the Academy can only authorise **one** day of absence. To confirm the date your child will be away, please email [attendance@chelsea-academy.org](mailto:attendance@chelsea-academy.org).

### **Reading at home**

We're delighted to share a useful website filled with book recommendations for all ages: <https://bookclubsinschools.org/what-to-read-now/>. We hope these suggestions will spark a love of reading at home and help students find their next favourite book.

### **Calling all budding performers!**

The Earl's Courtiers (Earl's Court Community Trust) is a vibrant community theatre group that produces a huge summer outdoor musical each year, featuring a cast of 60+ performers! They welcome talented local children, young people, and adults to join them — there are lots of roles available, all you have to do is audition, and it's completely free to be part of the cast! This year they will be performing Shrek The Musical, and auditions are officially LIVE! Check out all the audition information on their website: <https://earlscourtcommunitytrust.com/shrekthemusical>  
All interested students should complete the form to book an audition slot.

### **CAF update**

This week, the Foundation organised a fantastic lecture for the 6th form by Alexandra Llewellyn, who spoke to students about her career journey as an artist and entrepreneur. The Foundation also arranged for Year 12 co-leaders of the Women in Business Society, Nevaeh and Roxy, to attend the Worlds End Studios' International Women's Day event, where they impressed organisers with their enthusiasm and insight. Finally, the trustees are pleased to announce the launch of the newly created student board, who will play a meaningful role in shaping the Foundation's work within the Academy.

### **Communications from Vaccinations UK Schools Immunisation Team**

Vaccinations UK have recently updated their vaccination consent process which is designed to streamline communication for our families. Moving forward, the Academy will no longer be sharing vaccination information with parents; instead, Vaccination UK will send E-consent links directly to your inbox. This shift ensures you receive the most up-to-date information firsthand. Please keep an eye on your email for future links from Vaccination UK as we transition to this more direct approach.

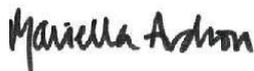
### **Chaplain's message**

We are currently in a particularly special time as we journey through the holy seasons of both Lent and Ramadan. Beautifully, these two periods began on the very same day this year - a rare alignment that allows our Christian and Muslim students to enter this time of prayer, fasting, and reflection alongside one another. It is a privilege to witness our young people sharing in this collective journey and supporting each other across their different traditions. This spirit of unity was a joy to celebrate at St Paul's Cathedral just before half-term, and I enjoyed attending my first community Iftar with our students last week. It is truly heartening to see our Academy grow closer through these shared moments of reflection.

As you may know, we have been working hard since our return from half term to check students' uniform is perfect and for the vast majority of students this is the case. Thank you for your support.

I hope you enjoy your weekend especially as the weather has been somewhat nicer of late!

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron  
Principal

### **Upcoming useful dates:**

Monday 9th March - Year 13 mock exams conclude

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

Wednesday 25th March - Year 10 Progress evening

Friday 27th March - Year 11 Futures Day

Friday 27th March - End of term Church service, students dismissed from the Academy from 12pm