

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Y10, 11 and Y13 students have continued to approach their exams positively and a reminder that Y11 and Y13 have ongoing revision sessions after half term to support their exam preparation.

This week we met many of our new Year 7 students set to join us in September and we enjoyed a visit from J. King, a London based Artist who led an Art Club Pop-up Exhibition at the Academy. We are also looking forward to a visit from a Polish secondary school next month allowing us to showcase our brilliant flourishing Academy.

We now look ahead to the final months of this academic year and have some exciting activities planned including Sports Day, Prom, Y10 and 12 Work experience weeks and Flourish and Futures Week.

Year 7 Induction into Year 8 evening

As we look to the 2026/27 academic year - we are pleased to share that Mr Fisher will be taking on the role of Head of Year for Year 8. To ensure that all students in the year group are able to **successfully** navigate this change Mr Fisher will be assuming this role from Monday 22nd June - allowing time to build a positive working relationship with the year group ahead of September.

To support this transition - we are inviting all current Year 7 parents to attend an Induction into Year 8 meeting on Wednesday 17th June at 5.30pm. This meeting is:

- An opportunity for parents / carers to meet the new pastoral team
- A focus on the importance of sustaining positive attendance to the Academy throughout Year 8

C60 detentions

Please be aware that from after half term, Monday 1st June, we will be issuing the C60 detention as a sanction for students arriving late to any lesson. Currently this sanction is only in place for some lessons. We are making some changes to our Behaviour Framework and in readiness for the full roll out in September, we want to start some of the changes. If your child already gets sanctioned for lateness to lessons, please have a word with them as this new rule will make them more likely to receive a C60 detention. Ensuring students learn the importance of punctuality is not only a key life skill but the carefully planned start of the lesson is essential for all students to make progress in their learning.

Free School Meal holiday vouchers

Please note that RBKC sent out holiday vouchers directly to eligible families on Wednesday 20th May. If you should have received these and haven't yet, please contact admin@chelsea-academy.org.

RBKC Half term activities

Please view the RBKC [Family Hubs May Half Term Newsletter](#) for information on half term activities and support available to families across the borough. The Avenues Youth Project is also running a series of half term activities for ages 8+. Details can be seen below. In addition, the Garden Cinema hosts family film screenings every Saturday and Sunday morning, and on weekdays during the school holidays. The screenings are Pay What You Can, which means you are free to pay as much or as little as you can afford. The full programme can be found via:

<https://www.thegardencinema.co.uk/season/films-for-the-family>

Vaping Factsheet

Vaping is an increasing concern for schools and parents alike. To help you stay informed, we are sharing a new Vaping Factsheet that outlines the latest evidence and health risks for young people. Parents can engage with services such as Re:Start who specialise in supporting schools, families and children (from age 9) around substances including vaping. The Factsheet is attached.

Parent/ carer survey

Please complete our latest Parent/ Carer survey [here](#) or scan the QR code below. The survey is live from 5pm on Friday 22nd May and closes on Tuesday 7th June. We really value your feedback and use it to inform our planning for next academic year.



Giving Back: Students Leading the Way (CAF update)

For the rest of the summer term, the Chelsea Academy Foundation is helping to bring a whole range of exciting opportunities to life for our students. This week students generously gave their time to volunteer at a Foundation supporter thank-you event, showcasing their talents and commitment and sharing the impact of CAF programmes.


Looking ahead, there are plenty of chances for students to get involved. This term, the Foundation is organising a newsletter competition for budding student journalists, hosting a second social enterprise competition and supporting the St Luke's Fair. Parents are very warmly invited to join us at these community events: the St Luke's Fair on Sydney Street on Saturday 20 June and the Social Enterprise Competition at Chelsea Academy on Wednesday 8 July at 5pm. To hear more about Foundation-supported activities and to read the winning newsletter articles, please click [here](#) to sign up to our Foundation newsletter.

Chaplain's message

As we're coming up to half term, and exams have started, the daily rhythm at the Academy is shifting - doors open earlier for students who want to do last-minute revision, the Theatre is turned into an exam hall, assemblies are paused - and there is an overall feel of "culmination." This is what the whole academic year has been moving towards. Whilst this can be a time of increased pressure all round, and heightened intensity, it's worth remembering that **even in the busiest seasons, we need moments of stillness.** In the Christian tradition, there is a famous story where Jesus calms a raging storm with the words, "*Peace, be still.*" For our students - and indeed for us as parents/ carers and staff - peace isn't always the absence of a storm; it's finding that quiet anchor inside ourselves when everything around us is moving fast. As we head into half term, my prayer for our whole community is that our young people can find those moments to breathe, rest, and reset.

Enjoy the bank holiday and time with your young people next week. We look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 1 June at 8.35am.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mariella Ardron'.

Mariella Ardron
Principal

Upcoming useful dates:

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May - May Half term

Monday 1st June - Academy reopens, all students return to the Academy

Thursday 4th - Friday 5th June - Y10 Silver DoE assessed expedition

Monday 8th - Friday 12th June - Year 9 Options interviews

Thursday 11th June - Year 12 UCAS day

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MAY HALF-TERM 2026

10AM TO 4PM

AGES 8+

FREE HOT LUNCH

TRIPS FOR AGES 8+ AND 13+

FREE FIVE DAY PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 26th - SATURDAY 30th MAY

*ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE MUST BE MEMBERS & REGISTER TO GUARANTEE A SPACE. PROOF OF AGE MAY BE REQUIRED.



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