

Friday 8th May 2026

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend? A busy week at the Academy as the GCSEs started yesterday and at the same time we said goodbye to the Y13 class of 2026. Meanwhile earlier on Wednesday Year 8 left for sunny Bournemouth for the annual Land & Wave residential.

Behaviour in the community

When I last wrote to you at the end of April, I shared that we had received a number of complaints from local residents and businesses. Sadly this has remained the case with three new complaints about student behaviour on the buses and on the King's Road. We have some footage from one of those incidents and working with the police have taken swift action. We really need and appreciate your support in addressing our concerns with your child. We will be visiting the importance of excellent community behaviour in Coaching Time over the next few weeks. Please do remind your children of our high expectations and that the Academy's Behaviour policy applies outside of Academy hours - where students are identified as being members of the Academy community.

Lost property

There are currently a large number of high quality winter coats in lost property. If your child has lost a coat please ask them to check the storage box next week ahead of the lost property being recycled.

Community discussion on social media - 14th May

We recently shared with you that the government has launched its [consultation](#) on "Growing Up in an online world" with an invitation to provide your feedback. To inform the consultation, parents, carers and young people are invited to join a community discussion on protecting children online. The event is being facilitated by Ben Coleman MP on Thursday 14th May between 6.00-7.30pm at the Sands End Arts and Community Centre, Peterborough Road, SW6 3EZ. If you would like to join, please sign up [here](#). Your experiences and ideas will be fed directly into the consultation response.

Mental Wellbeing Support for Children and Young People Leaflet

We would like to draw your attention to the emotional wellbeing and mental health leaflet attached. This details the support services available in Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster, also the relevant pathways for accessing support.

Vaccination webinars and HPV second session

The Kensington and Chelsea Immunisation Team are holding a second HPV vaccination session for any Year 8 students who have not yet taken it up. This will be on Monday 18th May and parents/ carers will receive direct communication from the team. They are also facilitating a series of free online parent webinars on the HPV vaccine. These sessions are open to all parents and carers and provide helpful information about the HPV vaccine, cancer prevention, and what to expect on vaccination day. You can register for this free webinar [here](#).

CAF update

The Foundation continues to provide opportunities to inspire our students and give them valuable life skills. Last week, the Foundation arranged for a professional to speak to the 6th form about his journey and the skills needed for a career in finance. This week, students on the Social Enterprise Project heard a talk from an industry expert to help with their business start-up proposals. The Foundation also launched the Academy's first AI Bootcamp, an afterschool club which will enhance students' computer science abilities. Experiences like these give our students insight into careers as well as the skills to help them succeed.

Chaplain's message

As exam season begins, it can sometimes feel as though a great deal rests on a small number of days and papers. Whilst exams are important, within our Christian ethos we are also reminded that a person's value is never measured only by results or outcomes. One of the things I most appreciate about Chelsea Academy is that alongside academic achievement, we care deeply about the kind of people our students are becoming - people who live out our values of joy, servant leadership, perseverance, forgiveness, and charity in the way they support others and contribute to the wider community. As we support our young people through this season, we continue to hold all our students - particularly those sitting public examinations - in our thoughts and prayers over the weeks ahead.

Two more weeks to go until the half term break. We have really appreciated your support in ensuring our Academy's attendance figure remains at least as high as the national figure. This is an ongoing challenge for many schools, including the Academy. A reminder that I cannot approve any term time leave unless for exceptional circumstances.

Enjoy your weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron
Principal

Upcoming useful dates:

Monday 11th May - Start of A-Levels

Monday 18th May - Y8 HPV vaccinations (second session)

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

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