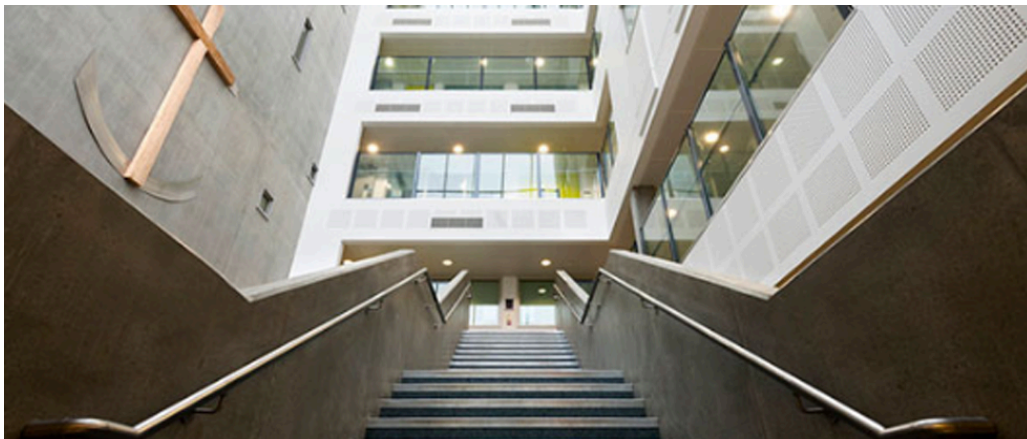


Anchor and Flourish

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Summer 2026



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

By the time you receive this edition of Anchor & Flourish, our Academy community will have ended the academic year. It has been a brilliantly successful year. We started 2025/26 off celebrating outstanding GCSE results and our highest ever A Level results. Our current Y11s, Y10s (RE GCSE) and Y13s have worked exceedingly hard and we hope and pray that they will get the grades they deserve next month.

Sadly on Friday we said goodbye to the following staff who are either off to teach abroad; complete further qualifications or to spend more time with family:

Ms Haynes - English
Mr Morgan - English
Mr Crosling - Geography
Mr Ferguson - Maths
Mr Cornelius - MFL
Mr Newton - Science
Mr Smith - Music
Ms Gao - Music

We thank them for their dedication and hard work and wish them all the best for the future. This year saw our lowest staff turn over in over 7 years which is great news.

The last few weeks have been well and truly packed: Sports Day; Y12 Social Enterprise competition; a recording of Radio 4's Kitchen Cabinet in our Theatre; DoE Gold trip; Flourish and Futures week; Year celebration assemblies and last Friday was a day full of joy. Our end of year Collective Worship at St Luke's was literally full of joy as we sang that old favourite 'You shall go out with joy' and then back at the Academy we had a fantastic House Olympics assembly, which saw Einstein crowned the new champions!

After a much needed break for staff and students, we look forward to welcoming your child back in September. With the exception of Year 7 and Year 12, all students return on Monday 7th September at 8.35am. We have deliberately started term on this day so please make sure you are back from any holidays by then as we all know how important excellent attendance is. In September we will be sharing information about our new Teaching & Learning and Behaviour frameworks. Of particular relevance to you as parents is our new Behaviour framework which we have thought very carefully about to best support all our community to learn and flourish.

Wishing you a peaceful summer break and thank you for all your support.

Mariella Ardron
Principal

Academic Update

By Ms Marshall - Vice Principal

As we reach the end of a highly successful academic year, it is a true pleasure to look back on the remarkable range of academic achievements, enriching activities, and milestone events that have defined this term at Chelsea Academy. Throughout these final months, our students have shown immense dedication, living out our mission - Work Hard, Be Kind, No Excuses - through their hard work and commitment inside and outside the classroom. From public examinations to immersive real-world experiences, students have flourished through a wide range of activities, making this a term to truly celebrate.

Our Key Stage 3 students enjoyed an exceptionally active and rewarding term filled with experiential learning and valuable real-world insights. Our Year 7 students expanded their horizons with cultural and educational trips to the National Army Museum, a visit to Grays Farm, and an exciting Football Rewards trip. During Flourish Week, they engaged in inspiring workplace visits, participated in a meaningful Courageous Advocacy Day focused on community action, and concluded the week with a joyful Year Team Celebration Day in Battersea Park. Year 8 students experienced an unforgettable term, starting this half term with the annual Land and Wave residential trip and concluding with an equally inspiring Flourish Week packed with curriculum trips to Tate Britain, the V&A Museum, and the Design Museum before coming together for their own celebration day. A key highlight for Year 8 was their workplace visits; students returned with fantastic reflections, from exploring the inner workings of student loans and sports at Royal Holloway University, to engaging workshops at the Saatchi Gallery. A particularly memorable trip to The Berkeley Hotel opened our students' eyes to the vast career opportunities within the luxury hospitality industry, prompting many to consider it for their upcoming Year 10 work experience placements.

Year 9 reached significant milestones this term as they finalised their GCSE Options choices, marking a step forward in their academic journeys. They also developed their teamwork and commercial acumen during a highly dynamic Enterprise Day. For Flourish Week, Year 9 students engaged in a vital PSHE Day carousel covering crucial real-world topics, including first aid, road safety, mental health awareness, and powerful, impactful sessions on personal safety led by The Safety Box. They were also treated to a streamed theatre production of Billy Elliot and participated in academically enriching curriculum trips to Kew Gardens, the Bank of England, and the Clink Prison Museum. Across the whole of Key Stage 3, students reflected that Flourish Week helped them bond with their peers, try things they never thought possible, and broaden their choices for future careers.

In Key Stage 4, our students have demonstrated incredible dedication as they move closer to their senior goals. Our Year 10 students stepped up to serious academic challenges this year by successfully completing their formal RE GCSE examination. They dedicated the entirety of Flourish Week to their professional growth through an invaluable week of external Work Experience placements, representing themselves and the Academy exceptionally well across a wide range of industries. Alongside them, we celebrate our Year 11 students, who approached their formal GCSE examination period with immense resilience, focus, and hours of hard work. Their efforts culminated in a resounding exam success, and they were able to celebrate the end of this chapter at the year 11 prom.

Our Key Stage 5 students have similarly set an outstanding standard of scholarship and ambition. Year 12 students navigated a packed and highly rigorous term, tackling their critical UCAS internal exams with excellent focus. They brought their subjects to life through world-class experiences, including an inspiring physics trip to CERN in Geneva and a UCL engineering workshop, a higher education exploration day at Sussex University, and a brilliant Biology field-work residential at Juniper Hall. During Flourish Week, they maintained their academic momentum through intensive condensed A-Level feedback lessons and participated in the thought-provoking "God & The Big Bang" workshop exploring the intersections of science and faith. Finally, we wish a proud farewell to our Year 13 students, who completed their final A-Level examinations this term. Their examination season was a resounding success, reflecting years of academic curiosity and dedication, and we look forward to seeing their perseverance pay off as they move on to their university places and future paths.

We are incredibly proud of the growth and achievements of every single student this year, and we thank our families for their continued partnership as we wish everyone a restful and wonderful summer break.

Attendance

By Mr Eagleton - Vice Principal

As we wrap up the school year, I want to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your brilliant support with attendance. Getting children up, ready, and through the school gates on time every day takes real effort at home, and we don't take that for granted. The progress and confidence our students have shown over the last three terms is directly linked to them being in the classroom day in, day out. Thank you for working with us to keep attendance high.

Looking ahead, those very first days back in September are incredibly important. The start of term isn't just about admin and paperwork; it's when pupils settle into their new routines, meet their new teachers, and reconnect with friends after the break. Missing even the first couple of days can make children feel like they are starting on the back foot, both socially and in their lessons. Being here from day one helps everyone start the new academic year feeling relaxed and prepared.

We know that getting back into the school routine after a long summer can be a bit of a shock to the system. To make things easier, we highly recommend shifting bedtimes and wake-up alarms back to normal a few days before term starts, and getting uniform and bags sorted early to avoid any last-minute morning panic. We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing summer holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in September.



Keeping Your Child Safe

By Ms Sidhu - Designated Safeguarding Lead

We hope you have a wonderful summer break. However, if there are any worries or concerns about a child you may want to contact the services below. Please also check Local Authority websites which will also have details of other services you can access for advice and support.

RBKC:

0207 361 3013 (Social Services Duty Line)
0207 373 2227 (Emergency Duty Line)

Hammersmith and Fulham:

0208 753 6620 (Social Services Line)
0208 748 8588 (Emergency Duty Line)

Westminster:

0207 641 4000 (Social Services Line)
0207 641 2388 (Emergency Duty Line)

Lambeth:

0207 926 3100 (Social Services Line)
0207 926 5555 (Emergency Duty Line)

Wandsworth:

0208 871 6622 (Social Services Line)
0208 871 6000 (Emergency Duty Line)



The main lines operate between 9am-5pm. Emergency Lines operate from 5pm during the weekdays and throughout the weekend.

Chelsea Academy Foundation - Broadening Horizons

During the summer term, students have been building confidence, developing new skills and reaching further than they might have thought possible with the Foundation's support opening doors to experiences beyond the classroom.

Here are some of the highlights this term in which the Foundation has helped our students flourish:

Entrepreneur Experience

The Y12 Business Studies students completed their year-long Social Enterprise programme culminating in a final presentation of each team's business plan to a panel of judges. Working closely with mentors, students have developed innovative business ideas addressing real issues in the community, building entrepreneurial thinking with a strong sense of social responsibility.

Building Tech Skills

The Foundation arranged for an afterschool AI Bootcamp over several weeks, enabling students to further develop coding skills and to explore the fast- evolving world of AI, helping to equip students with future-ready skills.

Civic Minded Students

Our student volunteers helped at the St Luke's Fair, demonstrating generosity, teamwork and their strong commitment to our larger community. They were fantastic ambassadors of the Academy!

Learning about Careers

The Foundation has coordinated a range of immersive office visits for students for the Flourish and Futures week, giving students the opportunity to learn behind the scenes at businesses like TT International (finance), Jumeirah Carlton Tower & The Lowndes London (hospitality), and Walpole (UK luxury goods).

Enriching Opportunities

Students explored new experiences through the arts, including a sculpture-making class with a professional artist, a music workshop where they learned about Gamelan music, traditional ensemble music from Indonesia, and an immersive theatre experience with the National Theatre.

Beyond the Academy

- Sixth Form students took part in the physics trip to CERN in Switzerland, where they were able to visit the site of the Hadron Collider as well as experience the views from the mountains.
- Our EAL students had a fantastic trip to the London Zoo.
- Our Duke of Edinburgh students took part in expeditions all around the beautiful countryside, building resilience and teamwork!

Stay Connected

Want to hear more about the impact of the Foundation and the experiences shaping our students' futures? Sign up to the Chelsea Academy Foundation newsletter [here](#).



Chelsea Academy Hosts Community Tea Party with Age UK

We hosted our annual summer Community Tea Party in the Library at the start in partnership with Age UK. It was fantastic to see so many guests and students enjoying conversations, fun and games and of course a delicious afternoon tea! Highlights were a multi-generational quiz in student/ guest teams, a round of bingo (with a generous £20 voucher as first prize donated by Juliet's Cafe), and some wonderful musical performances from students. A big thank you to all - staff and students - who helped to make this such a special event.



Adventure Unleashed: Year 8 Conquers the Coast!

By Ms Fox-Clark - Student Wellbeing Lead

Forget the classroom! Year 8 swapped pens for paddles and desks for the great outdoors on their Land & Wave expedition to Bournemouth, an adrenaline-fuelled adventure packed with challenge, laughter, and teamwork.

The energy was electric across Swanage Bay during jumbo paddleboarding, where teams worked in perfect (and occasionally chaotic) harmony to stay afloat, cheering each other on through tactical tumbles and waves of laughter. Students also took to the water by kayaking, building confidence, coordination, and resilience as they navigated the coastline together.

On land, the excitement continued with archery, where focus and precision were put to the test as students aimed for the target and celebrated every improving shot. The adventure didn't stop there, indoors, students pushed themselves further on the climbing walls, scaling new heights and proving their determination and grit.

Near Corfe Castle, everyone transformed into survivalists through hands on bushcraft. They mastered fire lighting and engineered waterproof shelters capable of standing up to the elements.

Evenings were just as lively, filled with games, and shared stories from the day's challenges. Throughout it all, the group's spirit never wavered, whether encouraging a climber, celebrating an archery bullseye, or laughing around the fire, their teamwork and resilience stood out.

This wasn't just a trip, it was a full-on adventure and a core memory in the making. Well done, Year 8!



Celebrating an Incredible Year: A Message from Mr. Daverat

Dear parents / carers of our Year 11 students,

It has been excellent leading your children through their most important year to date. There have been so many highlights from both individuals and groups of students that us staff will remember fondly for many years to come. We have had exams, mocks, trips, residentials, interventions, drop down days, assemblies and proms. All of which were taken on by our cohort with resilience and perseverance. We wish you all a well rested summer break, and await with anticipation the results of their hard work at the end of August.

Mr Daverat.



A Brilliant Two Years: Wishing Year 13 Every Success

It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming this year group through the reception doors as New Year 12s, and yet here we are at the end of the Sixth Form journey. It has certainly been quieter in the Sixth Form centre since Year 13 left us for study leave in May.

The last two years have been brilliant, with lots of laughter and memories made despite the stresses of A Level exams at the end. I have been impressed with the way in which this year group has engaged with all aspects of Academy life - including mentoring our Year 7 students and helping out with whole-Academy events.

I look forward to seeing you all in August to celebrate your hard-earned exam results! Whether your next step is an apprenticeship, work or university, I wish you all success and hope that you come back as alumni to share your journey with us.

Mr Hall



Library Update: Celebrating Two Fantastic Terms!

It has been an incredibly busy and successful two terms in the Academy Library, which has become a highly popular, vibrant space that is crowded almost every day during breaktimes and lunchtimes! Before the May half-term, we partnered with the Children's Book Project for a massive giveaway, putting 500 free books into the hands of our Year 8 and Year 9 students so everyone had a book for the holidays, with more giveaways coming next year. Our collection is thriving and now features almost 8,000 resources, driven also by wonderful book recommendations from the students themselves. To help manage our bustling space, we introduced a computer borrowing pass system, which has worked perfectly in teaching students responsibility. Looking ahead, we are also excited for our Year 7 trip to Shepherd's Bush Library as part of Flourish Week, where students will enjoy an educational tour.

None of this would be possible without our amazing student librarians. They have been an invaluable help, running the book giveaways, maintaining the library daily, and learning how to issue and return resources. To celebrate their hard work, they were rewarded with a trip to the British Museum, followed by a farewell party and film screening of *La Vita è Bella*.

Finally, we highly encourage everyone to keep reading over the holidays. Some fantastic summer recommendations include ***The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins** or ***Percy Jackson* by Rick Riordan** for gripping adventures, and ***Heartstopper* by Alice Oseman** for a heartwarming read.

Thank you for a wonderful year, and we look forward to an exciting new academic year in September!

Miss E Panayi,

Academy Librarian



Academy students share views on Under-16 social media ban

Five of our fantastic students were wonderful and articulate ambassadors for the Academy just before the end of this term. A news crew was eager to capture their perspectives on the government's proposed social media ban for under 16s. Needless to say, our students didn't hold back and they were mostly not in favour of the planned ban! They spoke passionately about how social media can be used positively when managed responsibly. We are very proud of them and their confidence!

You can watch a snippet of their brilliant interviews and see them in action right here: [Watch the Student Interviews on Instagram](#).

Huge congratulations to our five student ambassadors.



Jack Petchey

The Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme focuses on honoring exceptional young people who have exceeded expectations through dedication and perseverance. Because success is subjective, these awards look far beyond high grades. Instead, they shine a light on personal victories whether that means overcoming a significant life hurdle, stepping boldly outside of a comfort zone, or proving to be an invaluable, selfless teammate. What makes this scheme unique is that the honors are peer led, students themselves nominate the classmates they find most inspiring. Each winner is presented with an official certificate and a Jack Petchey pin to wear with pride. Additionally, they are granted a £300 fund to invest back into their school community, which can be used to bankroll educational trips or purchase new equipment that benefits everyone.

Congratulations to all our fantastic students who have gone above and beyond for our school and the wider community. Below are this school year's winners:

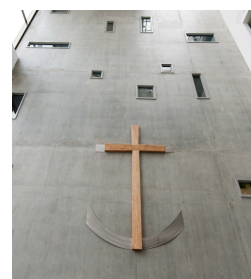
Jack Petchey Winners 2025/2026	
September	Angel T
October	Sharon R
November	Dhiyaa O
January	Denise E
February	Lucas M
March	David H
April	Cecile T
May	Enkhzaya B
June	Emujin B



Reflection

By Anita Rolls - Chaplain

I have really enjoyed my first summer term at Chelsea Academy. It's been a joy to watch the academic year come to a close - and experience the many varied activities. Two in particular stand out to me as they involved looking beyond the immediate academic activities towards engagement with the broader community and needs of the world. The first was the Community Tea Party in partnership with Age UK. We welcomed 30 senior guests to a lovely afternoon tea in the library, hosted by 30 students from years 7 to 10. It was a real joy to see the interactions between the generations especially in the quiz. The second was the Courageous Advocacy day organised by Mr Hall for Years 7 and 8. I was very impressed by the presentations looking at different causes that the students were moved by and the role models that the Year 8's picked as courageous advocates. I wish all students, parents and carers and staff a joyous summer and look forward to seeing many familiar faces as well as new ones next term.



Great British Summer Savings

To help ease the cost of the school holidays, the Government has launched the Great British Summer Savings scheme to help families enjoy days out for less. From 25 June to 1 September 2026, families can benefit from several temporary discounts. VAT is being cut from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children/family tickets for cinemas, theatres, concerts, and exhibitions, as well as admissions to many popular attractions. Children aged 5 to 15 in England can also travel for free on buses throughout the entire month of August. Simply type your postcode into the official attraction finder website at summersavings.gov.uk to start planning your discounted summer days out!



Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme

This summer, there are over 60 organisations across Westminster and Kensington & Chelsea offering free activities and free healthy meals to children and young people in receipt of means-tested Free School Meals.

Activities are available for an average of 4 hours per day and include sports camps, music, dance, arts & crafts, adventure play, youth clubs, offsite trips and activities for those with special educational needs and disabilities. Many activities offer free places for non-FSM families – please check with individual organisations for more information. Visit the Our City website to find out what activities are available and to support families to book a place: <https://ourcity.org.uk/haf-programme>

A colorful poster for the Healthy School Holidays programme. The top section features the text "FREE FOR FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS" in a green box. Below this is the main title "HEALTHY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS" in large, bold, yellow letters with a red outline, and the tagline "Stay active, eat well, have fun!" in a smaller font. The middle section is titled "ACTIVITIES AND FOOD FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE" and includes the text "Make the most of spring, summer and winter school holidays". The bottom section features the "OUR CITY" logo and the text "Find out more and book a place by scanning the QR code below or visiting: ourcity.org.uk/haf-programme". A QR code is provided for scanning. The poster also includes illustrations of children playing, a soccer ball, and a person in a wheelchair. At the bottom, there are logos for "BEST START IN LIFE", "City of Westminster", "KENSINGTON AND CHelsea", and "Department for Education".