

21st December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

END OF AUTUMN TERM

As we approach the end of another term, it is with great pleasure that I take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have undertaken together. This term has been nothing short of fantastic, filled with growth, achievements, and a true sense of community spirit.

I would firstly like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and every member of the community who attended our recent Christmas Market. Thanks to their support, we raised over £900 for the Teenage Cancer Trust, an incredibly worthy cause. Thank you to all of the businesses who so generously donated prizes to our raffle; your support is immeasurably appreciated.

One outstanding highlight was our 'Kindness Focus Week,' where our pupils embraced the opportunity to spread kindness throughout our local community. It was wonderful to witness our pupils not only handing out 'making the community smile, the CTA Way' stickers but also distributing flyers promoting positive mental health and providing valuable winter resources. The dedication of our pupils truly reflects our commitment to fostering kindness and community engagement.

Equally inspiring was the remarkable growth in confidence among our pupils. From initial nervousness to confident distribution of flyers, their transformation speaks volumes about the supportive environment we strive to create at our school.

Moreover, the collaboration between our Charity and Community Committee on the Pupil Leadership Team and the Burntwood Action Group for the creation of plastic bottle poppies was commendable. The dedication and tenacity demonstrated by our pupils, along with the support from the Art Department, form tutors, and History lessons, showcased the power of teamwork and community involvement. This project not only contributed to the magnificent Armistice Day display but also emphasised the importance of remembrance and unity.

Celebrating the literary accomplishments of our pupils, I am delighted to share that four of our pupils have been published in the anthology, 'Unsolved: Perilous Tales.' Their success in the Young Writers short story competition is a testament to their creativity and skill, capturing tension and suspense within the confines of 100 words. We applaud their literary achievements and look forward to more successes in the future.

Additionally, our Sixth Form pupils showcased their knowledge and skills at the prestigious Lord Mayor's Quiz, a noble event supporting local charities. The success of the quiz and the impressive funds raised during the all-day bake sale reflect the dedication and generosity of our pupils towards meaningful causes.

I am also immensely proud to announce that six of our outstanding pupils have been nominated for the JTMAT Exceptional Achievement Award. Out of the 19 JTMAT schools with the potential to make nominations, there were 7 schools that nominated eligible pupils. Chase Terrace Academy stands out with an impressive representation of six exceptional pupils. Three of them have been recognised for their outstanding achievements in sports, showcasing dedication and talent, while the remaining three have demonstrated remarkable resilience in overcoming adversity. This is a testament to the incredible qualities that define our pupils and the supportive environment fostered within our school. Congratulations to these remarkable individuals for their well-deserved recognition.

As we approach the Christmas break and the festive season, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families. We will be breaking up for our Christmas break at 12:10pm on Friday, December 22nd. For those eligible for Free School Meals, a food option will be available for collection from the dining hall between 12:10pm and 12:25pm.

To spread some holiday cheer on the last day of term and to support two fantastic causes—the Teenage Cancer Trust and our Pupil Leadership Team. We encourage all pupils to wear their most festive Christmas jumpers. Donations, a minimum of £1, must be made via the MyChildAtSchool app.

We will return to school on Monday 8th January. Please do contact us on office@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk if you require support with uniform or our food bank. January is often a very challenging month and we recognise that there are unique challenges that families are facing. The 'Drive By' Food collection is scheduled for Thursday 21st December from 3:30-5:30 – please feel free to come and join us if you need food, toiletries, or a slow cooker to help with meals over the break. There is no need to make an appointment for this.

To stay updated on these fantastic achievements and events at our school, we encourage you to follow our Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) pages. These can be found here:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/chaseterraceacademy>
- X (Twitter): https://twitter.com/The_CTA_Way

I wish you all a restful break and a wonderful Christmas. May this time be filled with joy, laughter, and the warmth of family and friends.

Yours faithfully



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