

December 2023

Dear Families,

As the Christmas break approaches it is a timely point at which to send reminders and updates of upcoming events and available support for our community to access.

We continue to run our CATCH Hub, which is stocked with uniform items and school resources. There also remains the opportunity to collect a food parcel should you, or a member of your family wish to access this resource. Please email office@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk to reserve a food parcel. These are available for any of our families, or people in the local community.

Year 11 pupils have conducted themselves with tenacity over the last two weeks, and have been aspirational in their approach to their mock exams. Pupils were rewarded with a breakfast event at the end of last week to celebrate their achievements. We look forward to building on the progress made so that they continue to achieve in the summer exams. It is important that pupils continue their efforts now into the spring term and there is support available should they need it. There are revision ideas and strategies on our school website, and all knowledge organisers and curriculum plans are there too. Please do contact the year 11 team if you have any specific questions or your child requires support. The earlier we know about any queries, or concerns, the earlier we can address them and support pupils to achieve success.

As you will be aware, we have changed our school day to enable us to teach personal development every day from 8.30-9am. Please support us in ensuring that your child is on time for school and arrives by 8.25am so that they are in their tutor room by 8.30am for these important lessons to start promptly. We are currently running a 'Hate to be late' campaign, and pupils are competing across tutor groups, and Houses to win prizes and rewards. Punctuality is an important aspect to school and vital to ensure learning is uninterrupted at the start of each lesson. It has been fantastic to see that almost two weeks into the campaign, there are some tutor groups that have not yet been even one minute late to lessons! Keep up the good work!

Attendance is also high on our agenda, as it is nationally. It is proven that there is a link between good attendance to school, and the progress that pupils make at school. Please contact our attendance officer, Ms Goodman, r.goodman@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk if there are queries or concerns regarding attendance.

This week our focus is on inclusion and is 'Disability Awareness Week'. Pupils are reminded of visible and hidden disabilities and how to support others to enable them to have equality and equity of provision. As the parent of a child with a hidden disability, I recognise the importance of the need to be kind to others and not make assumptions based on what we see on the outside. Many of our children have struggles that they face on a daily basis and we have reminded pupils that we should not assume that they know what others are going through. An important lesson for us all.

It has been a pleasure to celebrate pupils each week with our 'Thankful Thursday' and 'Feel Good Friday' breakfast meetings with senior leaders. If your child has achieved something to be proud of, or deserves praise for an achievement that we may not know about please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you so that they get the recognition that they deserve.

Please do follow our Facebook and X (Twitter) pages, and our new 6th Form Instagram page. You will find information about upcoming events as well as events that have taken place recently.

There are some upcoming dates for your diary:

We value your views and have been pleased with the responses from the surveys we have been sending out. Please do support us in our improvement agenda by completing the survey. Pupils have also been asked to complete a survey too, and we ask for your help in encouraging your children to have their say. It is important that you, and our pupils, have a voice, and we are keen to take on board your feedback.

Date	Event
Thursday 7 th December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents Forum 5pm-6pm • Science Lecture at Lichfield Garrick
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Market – Everyone invited!
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Year 13 Partnership Evening (online)
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Christmas Showcase
Friday 22 nd December	Non- School Uniform (Christmas Jumpers!) in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust and Pupil Leadership
Friday 22 nd December	Early Finish 12.10pm Any pupils who receive Free School Meals can collect a grab bag from the Dining room.
Monday 8 th January	Start of Spring Term – school starts at 8.25am. Pupils should be in full uniform and in Personal Development lessons by 8.30am.
Friday 22 nd March	Advance notice - INSET DAY. Pupils are not in school unless directed on this day.

Kind regards,



Ms Mason
Headteacher