

May 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we are approaching the last half term of this academic year, I thought it would be the perfect opportunity to let you know how proud I am to have worked with our current Year 7 cohort. I am sure you will agree that Year 7 have taken the transition in their stride, for which we are immensely proud of them. Students have settled in well and are working very hard and are respectful members of the CTA community, which is amazing to see.

With this in mind, I write to reiterate the high standards and values that we have of all of our students to be respectful, tenacious, aspirational and part of our community. I speak on behalf of the staff that teach your child/ren on a daily basis to say that we really do appreciate your continued support in ensuring that students meet our high standards and continue to work hard all day, every day.

As of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, I will be handing over the role of Head of Year 7 to another experienced and dedicated member of the pastoral team, Mr Birt. Mr Birt will spend the next half term, getting to know the year group and will then continue to support and lead your son/daughter into the next stage of their CTA journey in Year 8 from September 2024. Ms Hewitt will continue to work with the year group as Student Support Officer, with Mr Birt as Head of Year.

Please see the message from Mr Birt below as an introduction:

'I am delighted to be your child's new Head of Year. I have over 15 years of teaching experience, including the last 5 at Chase Terrace Academy, and I am the current Head of Year 11.

I want to express my thanks to Mrs. Southwell for her excellent work in welcoming Year 7 and helping them settle in so well. We've been working together to ensure a smooth transition and will continue to collaborate closely to support your child's development.

To give you a better sense of my approach, I believe respect, kindness, and a focus on personal development are crucial for students to thrive academically and unlock their full potential. I'm passionate about extra-curricular activities, and I encourage all students to find one they enjoy.

I have high hopes and expectations for what we can achieve together as a year group. By working collaboratively with parents, teachers, and students, we can help each young person fulfil their potential.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be contacted at [m.birt@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk](mailto:m.birt@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk). You can also reach out to Mrs Southwell or Mrs Hewitt in the usual ways.'

If you have any questions or queries about anything in this update, please do not hesitate to contact the year team who will do their best to help.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Southwell**