

December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: HEADTEACHER'S END OF TERM UPDATE

As we come to the end of the autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parent/carer community for your unwavering support throughout the past few months. Since the start of the academic year, we have achieved a great deal together, and I am immensely proud of the efforts and achievements of our entire school community.

Our partnership with the John Taylor MAT has continued to bring incredible opportunities for our pupils. A highlight of the term was celebrating six of our pupils as recipients of the Exceptional Achievement Award, open to all pupils across the JTMAT Trust. These pupils were celebrated in a special virtual ceremony hosted by JTMAT CEO Mike Donoghue. Additionally, we have celebrated success in several subject excellence awards, including the Art Competition, which fostered collaboration across schools within the Trust. As part of our festive celebrations, we had pupils representing Chase Terrace Academy at the JTMAT Christmas Concert that takes place at John Taylor High School and will showcase their singing and musical talents.

One of our highlights this term was hosting the Employment Futures Expo in November - our first since 2018 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The event welcomed over 2,000 visitors from the local area, connecting them with businesses, universities, colleges, and apprenticeship providers. We hope this event helped inform future career choices for all who attended.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils completed their first round of trial exams with exemplary conduct. They demonstrated excellent punctuality, organisation, and focus, alongside impressive levels of maturity. As a reward for their dedication, we treated them to bagels and hot chocolate during personal development time. While there is much work ahead, including further trial exams and BTEC deadlines, we are confident our pupils will continue to show resilience and commitment.

This term also showcased the creativity and talent of our pupils. The CTA Theatre Company delivered a fantastic performance of *The Mobile Phone Show* by Jim Cartwright. The effort and dedication of all involved was clear to see, and the evening was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Meanwhile, pupils in our CTA Music School have excelled in their lessons and showcased their talents in this week's Winter Showcase. It is always a joy to see our pupils working so hard and sharing their talents with the community.

We also hosted our second annual Christmas Market, supporting a cause that provides vital assistance to young people with cancer by raising funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Fundraising for such a worthy cause reminds us of the importance of community spirit, especially during the festive season.

Our CATCH hub has remained a cornerstone of support for families, now relocated to the Sixth Form Centre to enhance accessibility for the pupils who run it, and those who need it. From food parcels to uniform, stationery, and revision guides, the hub continues to provide essential support. This term, we have again organised a Christmas collection event, and we are committed to continuing this support in the new year. If you wish to access this support in any way, please email office@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk or call school on 01543 682286.

Finally, I would like to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school in full uniform on Monday 6th January for a prompt 8:30am start for personal development lessons. Please remember that pupils should be in the school gates by 8.25am to enable them to arrive on time for personal development.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Together, we have made this term a resounding success, and I am excited for all that 2025 will bring for Chase Terrace Academy.

With warm wishes for the festive season,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Mason', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ms N Mason
Headteacher