

October 2025

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

### **RE: HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE**

As we approach the end of the first half term of this academic year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you and your children for their support and for the positive way they have returned to school this term. As I visit classrooms and walk around the school, I consistently see pupils working hard, demonstrating high aspirations, and being polite and respectful.

All pupils have made a fantastic start to their learning, showing commitment to both their studies and school life. Attendance is always a priority, and we are grateful for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly. Good attendance has a direct impact on academic progress, and we are thrilled that so many pupils have maintained 100% attendance.

This week, we held our first Head of Year 'Individual Recognition' Rewards Event for this academic year. Year 11 pupils were treated to a breakfast of tea, croissants, and brioches, while pupils in Years 7-10 enjoyed an inflatable challenge, racing each other through the obstacle course. These rewards were given to pupils who have been recognised for individual achievements and progress, celebrating their hard work and dedication in school.

Many pupils have also embraced extracurricular opportunities, joining clubs such as Chess, Macramé, Crochet, Lego, and our Youth Choir, as well as sporting activities. Several have represented the school in football matches, cross-country tournaments, and other competitions. Our full extra-curricular offer can be found [here](#). We are especially proud of our First Aid Ambassadors, who were recently featured on BBC Midlands News for their work on 'Restart a Heart Day'. Their video on emergency CPR educated over 1,200 pupils and staff, providing a vital lifesaving skill to our community.

Communication is very important to us, and we hope you feel part of our school community. Our primary communication tool is MyChildAtSchool, and we do expect that all parents and carers are registered and actively using the MCAS app to ensure they receive important updates and information. Please ensure your MCAS app is downloaded, and your contact details are up to date - our [IT Team](#) can assist if needed. We also share updates on our social media channels, including [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Our pupil-led marketing team also run [@CTA TRAC](#) on Instagram, sharing content created 'for the pupils, by the pupils' to support them in their secondary school journey.

As part of our social media communications, we also love celebrating achievements beyond the classroom. If your child is involved in community work, volunteering, or representing a club or county in sports, please let us know by completing this [nomination form](#). Pupils are celebrated during 'Thankful Thursday' or 'Feel Good Friday'. A reminder that nominations are also open for the JTMAT Exceptional Achievement Award, recognising pupils across all JTMAT schools. More information, including the nomination form, can be found [here](#).

One exciting development to share with you is the refurbishment of our assembly and performance space in Lees Hall. The hall is currently out of action as it is being completely renovated to provide a new area for the Performing Arts and Music teams to share their talents and use as part of their curriculum time in school. We are expecting the project to complete by Christmas 2025, and hope to be able to host an event to invite families to very soon. Please do look out for updates on our social media channels and website as the project gets closer to completion.

Earlier this week, we sent out a survey, and it was wonderful to see so many of you respond. Your feedback is invaluable and helps us shape the future of Chase Terrace Academy. If you haven't yet completed it, please do so [here](#).

From everyone at Chase Terrace Academy, we wish you a wonderful half-term break. We hope you enjoy this time with your family to rest, recharge, and enjoy some well-deserved relaxation.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

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

**Ms N Mason**