

CHELSEA ACADEMY NEWS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first edition of *Chelsea Academy News*!

Our first week has certainly been a memorable one. The first day of term was hugely successful, the highlight being a special afternoon assembly addressed by both the new Bishop of Kensington and the Leader of the Council and attended by the Mayor and representatives of both Academy sponsors. Guests were particularly impressed by the three student readers: Shannon Lienert; Molly Louise Wells and Christopher Carr-Jones. The assembly was followed by a photograph of all the students, staff and guests standing on the decking in front of the temporary classrooms. You may wish to buy a copy of this week's edition of the Kensington & Chelsea News, which features the assembly on both the front cover and page 10. You can also see the photograph and article on our website. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please let me know.

We have tried to give students a fairly gentle introduction this week, to help them adjust to the longer Academy day and new routines. Next week, however, will see the start of our enrichment and extended curriculum timetable, with daily activities after the normal Academy day has finished. Remember that breakfast is available from 8.00am and students are welcome to remain on site until 5.00pm (or later if necessary) to complete their independent learning activities using Academy ICT facilities. The amount of independent learning tasks will certainly increase over the coming week or so. I am delighted by the large number of students keen to sign up for instrumental lessons. The organisation of these is underway.

On the whole, student behaviour and uniform has been excellent this week. There are a few who still need help at home with tying their ties properly (please make this a focus this weekend, if necessary) and also a few who seem slightly too keen to use their mobile phones before they have left the Academy site at the end of the day. Again, we have erred on the side of mercy for the first few days but, from next week, any mobile phones seen on the site at any time will be confiscated. So please don't call your child on their mobile when they are at school!

Please remember that your first point of call about any queries or concerns is your child's Learning Coach. A list of all the Learning Coaches is enclosed. You are welcome to contact them at any time and you may well hear from them at any time.

Finally, please note the important dates overleaf, including the Open Evenings at which a number of students will be helping, our Inauguration Service at Holy Trinity Church, at which all parents and friends of the Academy will be most welcome and the Parent's Social Evening. At this evening there will be the opportunity for informal discussion about the Academy's first few weeks and for a format to be agreed for the Parents' Council and the Chelsea Academy Foundation Parents Fundraising Group. A number of parents have enquired about having a prayer group for the Academy. This will initially take place for half an hour before each Parents' Council Meeting.

Andy Yarrow

andy.yarrow@chelsea-academy.org

Fair Processing Notice

Please read the enclosed Fair Processing Notice which outlines how data is handled at the Academy with regard to the Data Protection Act.

Attendance and Punctuality

We've made a great start this week with 95.4% attendance and 98.3% punctuality. We're aiming for 100% so it is really important that we keep these high standards up.

PE Kit

Thank you for bearing with us through the late delivery of PE kit. As soon as the Academy polo shirts and, for those who have ordered them, tracksuit bottoms, arrive they will be handed to the students via their Learning Coaches. Please remember the importance of labelling every item of clothing.

Healthy Eating

We hope that the students are all enjoying the Academy lunches that they have had so far. It is not too late to take them up if you would like to. They are only £1 a day and students can pay weekly. Please remember that the Academy operates a strict healthy eating policy, so please ensure that your child does not bring any crisps, fizzy drinks or chocolate to the Academy.

Upcoming Events

Open Evenings for 2010 Intake

Wednesday 30th September and Thursday 1st October, from 6.00 pm, Chelsea Football Club

Inauguration Service

Friday 9th October, 2.45 pm, Holy Trinity Church Sloane Square

Year 7 Parents' Social Evening

Wednesday 14th October, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm, Chelsea Academy

Parents' Council

Tuesday 3rd November, 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm, Chelsea Academy (Prayer Meeting, 6.00 pm – 6.30 pm)

Detentions

Any students issued with detentions will be expected to serve them after school on the day that they are issued wherever possible. If your child is issued with a detention we will ring you to obtain parental permission. In exceptional circumstances, if it is not possible for the detention to be served on the day issued, it will be served the following evening.

One Sun, One World at the Royal Albert Hall

On 22nd October, every pupil at the Chelsea Academy will be taking part in the RBKC 'One Sun, One World' concert at the Royal Albert Hall, starting at 4:45pm. The pupils have only just begun to prepare for this and it will involve them singing in a massed choir made up of pupils from all the primary and secondary schools in the Borough. Two tickets for the concert are available per student, but these must be ordered by RBKC via Mr. Hill (Curriculum Leader for Music) by Wednesday 18th September. If you wish to reserve your ticket(s) please send a note with your child to Mr. Hill no later than Tuesday 17th September. Further tickets will be available but only directly from the Royal Albert Hall Box Office. For more information visit

www.wwf.org.uk/what_we_do/working_with_schools/one_sun_one_world_musical.

This is a huge challenge and opportunity for all the pupils at Chelsea Academy and we greatly appreciate your support.

Extended Curriculum Activities

Please find enclosed a timetable of extended curriculum activities that will be available from next week. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for activities and it is their responsibility to let you know if they are attending an activity after school.