

Friday 16th September 2016

Dear Parents /Carers,

### **Welcome Back**

I would like to start by welcoming you to the new academic year. For those of you whose children are returning to us, I hope you and they had a relaxing summer break. For those of you whose children are joining us for the first time in Year 7 or 12, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our Academy community. We are delighted to welcome all our new students across the Academy, as well as new members of staff.

### **Summer examination results**

The Academy has produced yet another excellent set of results in GCSE and A level exams this summer. Of note were our Year 11 students who made significant progress across the board, and achieved 68% A\*-C grades including English and Maths. Our A level results were just as good with a figure of 51% achieving A\* - B grades in their subject areas, with two students going on to Oxford University and over 95% of Year 13 students going on to study at University including many Russell Group institutions. Congratulations to all our students who are moving on to the next stage in their education and a huge thank you to all staff for their hard work.

### **High Expectations**

As we reach the end of the first full week of the new year, I am very happy to report that students old and new have settled into their new routines wonderfully. This year will be an important one for all our students in different ways, whether it be an exam year, the first year of their Options subjects or finding out about the new assessments and study programmes for KS3. As always we have high expectations of all our students and I look forward to working with you all this year to ensure your children achieve to the best of their ability. Your support in ensuring that students meet our standards for behaviour, punctuality, attendance and uniform is greatly appreciated. As always, more information about expectations in all these areas can be found on the Academy website.

### **Mr Andrew Batten**

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you of the death of a member of staff during the Summer holidays. Mr Batten, a much-loved member of our English faculty, passed away unexpectedly and suddenly at home during the holidays. I informed the students of this sad news last week, and we have already started working on a suitable tribute to him. A more detailed tribute is included on our website. We have support available for students who may need someone to talk to in light of this news. Please contact your child's Head of Year if you feel this would be useful.

### **Pastoral contacts**

This academic year sees the start of our year group structure. The email addresses and Academy mobile numbers for your child's Head of Year are included at the end of this letter. If you are trying to contact your child's Head of Year please do leave a message or email them and they will always respond as soon as they are able to. Please be aware that our Heads of Year may also be teaching staff or cover lessons when necessary so they may not always be able to respond immediately.

### **Reminders and updates**

As always at this time of year, can I remind you to please be considerate of local residents when you are in and around the Academy. Please ensure that you do not park illegally on yellow lines when dropping off or picking up students. If you must bring your child to the Academy by car, please drop them off at the front of the building rather than the more residential area at the rear.

Students have been issued with bespoke exercise books across their subjects this year. These are designed especially for each curriculum area to maximise your child's learning. Students have been told that if these books

are defaced or lost there will be a cost to the student of £1 to replace them. We are very excited about the possibilities these workbooks present and hope that students treat them appropriately.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to working with you over the rest of this academic year.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Williams  
Principal

#### **Pastoral contacts**

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Head of Year 11 Mr Daverat <a href="mailto:richard.daverat@chelsea-academy.org">richard.daverat@chelsea-academy.org</a> 07584551633	Head of Year 12 and 13 Mrs L McNally <a href="mailto:lucy.mcnally@chelsea-academy.org">lucy.mcnally@chelsea-academy.org</a>

#### **Important events this half term**

Wednesday 28th September 2016  
Thursday 29th September 2016  
Friday 30th September 2016  
Thursday 6th October 2016  
Wednesday 12th October 2016  
Thursday 13th October 2016  
Tuesday 18th October 2016

Open Evening  
INSET day (students not in school)  
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Year 11 Expectations evening and Internal Sixth Form Open Evening  
Year 9 Expectations Evening  
Awards Evening  
Sport and Dance Presentation Evening