



26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing this to you with less than one month to go until Christmas and there are many exciting events happening this term in our countdown to Christmas.

On Friday 3rd December, some of our students will be performing in the Chalfonts Fun Night and singing Christmas carols. On Friday 10th, we will be celebrating Christmas Jumper day to raise funds for Save the Children UK. On Monday 13th students will be performing in the Christmas concert at Goldhill Church. For the second year running, our school choir will be streaming live from the school hall to Windsor Lodge Care home to bring happiness and joy to the elderly and their carers.

As the days get shorter and nights colder, we do not want to forget those less fortunate and in need of help. Thank you for your generosity so far and I encourage you to keep the foodbank donations coming in as our students will be taking these goods to the Chesham Foodbank during the last week of term.

Reports

Over the weekend we will be sharing with you your child's interim report. We feel it is essential to provide parents/carers of students in Years 7 to 10, with an Attitude to Learning (ATL) grade at this stage in the term. We believe this will offer many opportunities to celebrate the hard work of our students who have made an excellent start to their new academic year. For the few students who have not achieved the expected ATL, it will provide an opportunity to adjust attitudes before we issue a full academic report in January 2022.

Parents and carers of students in Year 11-13, will be provided with academic data reflecting their current working grade alongside their ATL and homework grades. Again we would like to congratulate students for some very positive achievements with Year 12 in particular making a very positive start to their sixth form studies. Year 13 mocks will commence on February 7th 2021.

Spelling Bee competitions

I would like to commend the Year 7 and Year 8 Spelling Bee finalists for their fantastic effort. All the finalists worked really hard to win the 'Spelling Bee Champion 2021' trophies. In Year 7 after a nail-biting finish, it was Carlos Mihai (7G2) who was victorious. The other finalists should also be commended. They are Neil Batra, Henry Jackson, Jake Kenealy and Harry Jenkinson.

In Year 8 it was Dejon Simms who won the coveted trophy and is now the Year 8 Spelling Bee champion for 2021. The other students who were in the final and commended are: Suhani Khambe, Sana Kudhail, Ahyan Siddiqui, Dhanishta Babra and Ana Yiannouzis.



Year 12's Dragons Den

Congratulations to Year 12 students; Alistair Smith, Veer Kudhail, Aleksander Pavlov, Gabi Martin and Matthew Hazard who took part in a virtual 'Dragons Den' event on Monday 22nd November. They worked really hard to create a product idea and prepare a pitch to a panel of real business investors. I am pleased to say they secured investment and were congratulated by the panel of Dragons for their very well organised presentation and business idea. The team are committed to donate a proportion of their profits to Mind, the mental health charity.

COVID-19 update

I would like to thank staff and students for their continued engagement with the rapid testing programme and for conducting lateral flow tests at home. If there is a localised breakout of cases in any particular year group or class I will write to parents of those students. You should encourage your children to continue testing and <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> results twice a week. All positive results should be reported, to sherrylscott@chalfonts.org

We are waiting for delivery of more test kits. In the meantime should you require more home testing kits, you can order <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> through gov.uk or collect from your local pharmacy.

Students who live with someone who has tested positive or has Covid symptoms do not need to self-isolate but should take a PCR test. For more information, please follow this link [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Vaccinations

Due to some recent changes in the eligibility for COVID vaccines, NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group have outlined the current national position to share with you. This advice may be subject to change in future – a summary of up to date information can be found at:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccines - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

The information states that the majority of 12-15 year olds are currently recommended to receive one dose of vaccine. The decision on whether a second dose will be recommended to this group has not yet been announced. The majority of 16 and 17 year olds are now recommended to receive two doses of vaccine at least 12 weeks apart.

Year 11 mock examinations

Year 11 mock exams are underway with art and music exams that took place this week and all other subjects over the next two weeks. It is important that students make every effort to have full attendance for their exams and take their exams seriously. We have added two catch up days for any student who misses an exam due to sickness. The results of these exams will be published on Friday 21st January 2021. I would like to wish all Year 11 students good luck in their mock exams. I am sure this will be a busy weekend of revision ahead for students.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend ahead.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs C Whitehead
Principal