

21<sup>st</sup> October 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your families well at the end of our first half term of the academic year.

I am very pleased with how the vast majority of students have engaged with the launch of the new school values and the awards from staff exemplify this. In this half term, there have been 26,000 merits to recognise and reward students for being Conscientious, Committed, Courteous and Community Minded. If you do not already use the Arbor parent application, I strongly recommend doing so. By using this, you will see the merits your child receives and be able to join us in congratulating them.

### **Open Evening and Open Morning**

We recently hosted our open evening and open morning in which we had approximately 900 visitors to the school from families of children in Year 6. Parents were very positive about the event and I received many emails complementing our students who were wonderful ambassadors for the school, as members of the school choir, tour guides or helpers in curriculum areas. Thank you to those students for giving up their evening to show their pride in the school and to staff who worked very late that day. Staff worked hard to show off their specialist subjects and it was lovely to hear Year 6 pupils excited to be joining next year. The following day was our Open Morning in which families were able to tour the school while it was in action and were very positive about the experience.

### **The Chalfonts Community Parents, Student and Teacher Association (PaSTA)**

After over seven years of support and leadership of The Chalfonts Community Parents Teacher Association (PaSTA), Mel Gizzy has decided to step down from the post of Chair. Mel has led our great team of parents with drive and commitment and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her ongoing support and enthusiasm.

We are grateful that Mel wishes to continue with her involvement and support as a member of the PaSTA team, so we look forward to seeing her at future events.

We therefore have a new vacancy for the position of Chair of our Parents Teacher Association and we very much hope that we have a keen parent wishing to get involved and take on this role.



### Invitation to our next meeting:

The next meeting will be chaired by me, and to enable more parents to attend and fit around busy lives the meeting will take place online, via zoom on **9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**. The link to the zoom is provided here.

Join PaSTA Zoom Meeting  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71146626415?pwd=RPCxJvukwh7lF3ZO9Vw9zg5GXRaDQs.1>  
Meeting ID: 711 4662 6415  
Passcode: 9Qxryd

During the meeting our Head Boy and Head Girl will be outlining the new plans for student voice and opportunities for your children to be involved and we will be inviting you to feedback on our newly launched curriculum evenings.

I very much look forward to many of our parents joining our November meeting and welcoming in a new Chairperson.

### National School Championship competitor

Acacia Dew (and pony Cracker) represented The Chalfonts Community College recently in a schools show jumping competition. She has qualified for the National Schools Championships taking place this weekend and we wish her and Cracker well!



### School bus transport

Bus drivers will only allow students to travel using the correct bus pass.

Whilst bus companies may have applied some discretion to students in the past, we have been informed they must now insist on students having the correct pass and they will not allow any students to board with incorrect passes. Therefore please double check that the bus pass your child has, correctly corresponds to the bus your child needs to board to and from school. We are only able to issue temporary bus passes for students' allocated bus. If you do discover a discrepancy, please contact the council directly. Bucks County Transport on 01296 387439.

[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-transport](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-transport)

For those parents who collect their children from school I must urge you to park responsibly and to ensure the safety of all students. The turning circle at the front of the school is a particular area of concern. This area must be kept clear of cars to enable the school buses to enter so that students can safely board their buses. If buses cannot enter the turning circle they have no option but to wait on the public road, causing congestion and a safety concern for students who cannot board buses from the designated area. I understand the need for many parents to collect their children from school. Please park a little further from the school so that we can keep students safe.

I look forward to seeing students back in school on 31<sup>st</sup> October and I wish you and your families a happy and restful half term.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Whitehead".

Mrs C Whitehead  
**Principal**