

9 June 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a good half term holiday. The final half term of the year has started very well with Year 11 and Year 13 students well into their GCSE and A Level examinations. We have been very pleased with how well the exams are going. It is a challenging time for all students and we continue to wish them well. A letter has gone out this week to all parents of students sitting exams with further information and guidance.

Head Boy and Head Girl candidates

Senior students have recently been nominated by staff for the positions of Head Boy and Head Girl. They have spoken with an impressive level of confidence in front of the whole staff body to present their leadership manifestos.

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students:

Jia Bhullar	Oliver Dennis	Joel Deenadayalan
Isabel Hambury	Chloe Kentish-Finn	Aimee Donoghue
Ashley Maree	Holly Mallowan	Kristen McCarthy
Shannon Monger	Laurie McGrath	Erin Murphy
Taf Mason	Maisie Pomroy	Aswini Rejeesh
Freddie Spear	Emilia Williams	

Providing students with leadership opportunities is a high priority for the school. Not only for the benefits it brings students in developing vital skills for their futures but also for the benefits to the school in providing students with a voice to participate in the development of the school community. I am looking forward to seeing our new student leaders leading student voice within the school in the coming academic year and continuing the legacy of our current Year 13 leadership team.

Buckinghamshire School Award finalists

I am delighted to inform you that The Chalfonts Community College is one of three schools that have made it to the finals of the Buckinghamshire School Awards 2023 for the Pupil Voice Award. Students will attend the celebration event at Pinewood Studios on 21st June.

Toilets

You will know from previous communications that we recently implemented measures to improve the toilet experience for students by placing senior staff on duty at toilets at break and lunchtime. Toilets are accessible for designated year groups (Year 7 and 8 in the Maths block, Year 9 in the Technology block, Year 10 and 11 in the Rubicon) before school, at break time and at lunch time. This will continue and we are pleased with an improvement in the conduct of students at the toilets at these times.

More recent student feedback has raised concerns about occasional student misbehaviour in the toilets during lesson time, and sadly there has been some damage done to the toilets. We know that some schools have banned students from going to the toilet during lessons, but we do not want to do this. There are legitimate reasons for students to use the toilet during lesson time. Therefore a system has been implemented where students are signed in to use the toilet. This has been very effective this week, and the toilets have been well looked after. We will be considering whether to continue this approach, so that we can ensure all our students have clean and safe facilities.

Warmer weather

The forecast for the week ahead suggests that we could be in for very warm weather. We are committed to keeping everyone safe and healthy so would appreciate support to ensure all students remain hydrated by bringing water bottles to school and drinking regularly. We have many water stations around the site for students to refill their bottles. Although physical activity at breaks can continue, I would ask students to be sensible and not over exert themselves. They may bring sun cream if they wish to remain in the sun during break and lunch times. Full uniform remains compulsory with shirts tucked in appropriately. We will review these arrangements as the weather conditions determine.

Finally I would like to add that since the implementation of some changes to our behaviour policy, we have had the full support of parents, staff and students. It is clear that our students understand our levels of sanctions and rewards and we see positive attitudes from the vast majority of students. We have seen an increase in the number of merit points to recognise when students meet our school values. Thank you for your continued support in our commitment to ensuring that our students have every opportunity to succeed at school.

I hope you have a pleasant weekend ahead.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Whitehead
Principal