



30th September 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and all in the Chessington School community

It's the end of our first month back and it really has been a buzzing and brilliant one. Lots of opportunities for our community to get together so far and more to come.

Open Events

These last weeks we have had our Open Evening and Open Mornings. They have been busy and really enjoyable. Open Evening is always a great time to show off our school and showcase our fantastic children. The volunteers, tour guides, performers and speakers all did brilliantly. Thank you for dropping them off, picking them up and preparing them - it really is appreciated. Open mornings continue for another week or so, but we may extend as these are pretty much sold out.

Parent Information Evenings

Last evening (Thursday 29th September) was our first Parents Information Evening. This was for Years 7 and 12 to meet their Tutor and for parents to have the opportunity to engage in several vital sessions on key topics for that year group. Next Thursday 6th October is the Parent Information Evening for Years 8,9,10 and 11. These evenings really are filled with essential information to help you and your child best navigate the year ahead. You will have several speakers from our team who will also invite any questions to ensure we are best supporting your child - together. Please give up the time to come along.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Exciting times for our Sixth Form development, Year 11's are currently completing a survey to help us shape our post 16 offer to accommodate additional courses which could consist of A-Levels and other vocational courses. These will run alongside our existing Sports Academy vocational course. We will be holding a Sixth Form Open event on Thursday 24th November. Hope to see many Year 10 & 11 parents there.

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**Attendance**

Understandably, over lockdowns and post covid recovery months, nationally attendance dipped. We, of course, remained above these averages and do now. However, this is no longer the case and all children are expected in school. The best place for learning is in school. Please note we will not authorise any holiday or such during school time and will fine as per our policies. We don't want to do this, but you all signed up for our high expectations so please help us meet them together. Please also remember that we extended October Half Term to support as well.

Fireworks Event

On to more enjoyable things! On Thursday 20th October it is our annual Fireworks Event. This is a great opportunity to get together, meet other parents and enjoy our wonderful community. There will be lots of activities, BBQ food, drink and then a spectacular firework display. Full details are on our website, please book early to avoid disappointment.

[Click here for fireworks info and tickets.](#)

I look forward to seeing you and your families at these events. Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

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