



13th January 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and all in the Chessington School community

Two weeks in and things continue to go from strength to strength. It's been a busy and focussed first couple of weeks, but as always, your children are the highlight for us all. I hope your January is going well and that your New Year's resolutions are going better than mine!

New members of our community and updates

We have welcomed some excellent new colleagues to our school to further enhance the educational experiences of our young people at Chessington. In leadership positions we have welcomed Mr West as our new Director of Science and Mr Forsyth as our new Head of History. We have welcomed Mr Naisoo as a Science specialist in our SEND Team and Mrs Purchase to the English teaching team. We also have Mr Wallbank back with us while Mrs Cooper is on Maternity Leave with her beautiful new baby girl. Mr Wallbank, as you will know, is highly experienced and a cracking teacher. Mrs Griffiths will return from her maternity leave after Half Term.

Mrs Green

As you know, we learned of the passing of Mrs Green last week. We continue to mourn her loss while remembering the amazing contribution she had to our lives, our children and our school. We will be holding a special commemoration for Mrs Green this half term. Once we have liaised in full with her family we will let parents and students, present and past, know of the arrangements.

Year 11 Parents Evening, Mock Results and Study Hall

Study hall started today. This is on a Friday where all Year 11s have a study period from 0815. They have tea, hot chocolate and expert teachers and TA's to support. It was a great atmosphere and the students have feedback that it was very useful. Parents evening is on Thursday the 26th January. Please make sure that you are booking in appointments now as this is the most important parents evening of your child's educational career thus far. This will be in person.

Mock results will be available to students very soon. On the back of these we will then tailor and adapt our teaching, revision and intervention to ensure we have done everything for your child to have the best of outcomes. This is now the time for you and your child to do the same. Please make sure they are beginning a programme of revision at home and not just relying on in school revision; put simply this is not enough and they must be revising in depth at home. We will lay on opportunities to ensure they know how best to do this.

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Breakfast Club

We will be launching our Breakfast club next week. This is for our students to come in, do some work, have a chat with each other or our colleagues and get some warm porridge or toast inside them to prepare them for the learning opportunities ahead. If anyone wishes to attend, they can head to the canteen before school. We only ask that this is a working opportunity for homework, coursework or revision.

Alternative Learning Week

I wholly appreciate that just around Christmas is not the best time to be asked to spend money on a trip in the summer. Please remember that's not the case. We have given an 8 month lead in time so that it helps with costs - particularly with all going on in the economy. Please do sign up as payments will be later and, as always, we can work out a schedule should that be needed on a case by case basis. Also, please do sign up soon as some of the residentials are flying off the shelves. This will be a great week for our children and what they deserve after the last few years.

As always, please let us know what we can be doing to keep getting better - we always want to hear the feedback of our critical friends.

Have a good weekend

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