



Chesterfield High School

'for everyone the best'

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Dear Parent/Carer

It is with pleasure that I am writing to you at the end of the academic year.

Personal Development and Well-being

The School's Personal Development and Well-being work is led by a dedicated team of leaders with particular roles. Ms Jones our new Assistant Headteacher will be responsible for Personal Development and Well-being; she will lead the whole school project of 100% Classroom which includes improving engagement during lessons.

Year Group	Progress Leader	Student Support Manager
7	Mr J Graham	Miss S Little/New Colleague
8	Miss A Parker	New Colleague
9	Mrs J Ambrose	Miss A Burns
10	Mr J Lewis	Ms C Burgess
11/12	Mr T Williams	Ms R Moore
Sixth Form	Ms C Bowers	Mrs L Hughes

Attendance

The school is very proud of the attendance of the vast majority of students with our current attendance rate at 96.2%. This shows that parents and carers have worked very closely with us to ensure that their child attends school regularly. We know as a school that high attendance has a direct impact on the performance of students and their ability to be successful in all aspects of their school life. Please continue to support the school and ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Mrs D McCann will be joining the Attendance team as the Student Support Manager for Attendance working with students and parents to improve attendance across the whole school.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you of the school attendance and punctuality policy (full policy is available on the school website) which parents should be aware of. Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued for:

- Unauthorised parentally condoned absence
- Unauthorised leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances
- Unwarranted delayed return from leave of absence (without school agreement)
- Persistent late arrival after the register has closed
- Truancy, including attendance and exclusion sweeps (formerly truancy sweeps)

Please remember that the government will not allow schools to authorise any holidays and therefore holiday requests will not be authorised. Parents can apply for leave of absence for exceptional circumstances but a range of documentary evidence will be required to support any application and the decision will always be at the discretion of the Headteacher. Any leave of absence that is not authorised will be liable for a fixed penalty notice.

Vaccinations

Students who will be in Year 8 and Year 10 next year will be in the appropriate Year Group for immunisation vaccinations. Parents will receive a letter explaining precisely which vaccinations will be offered.

Extra-curricular activities

We are extremely proud of the many achievements of our students in a variety of areas, all of which have been showcased on our school website. We hope they will be inspired by each other to achieve even more in the future.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding of children is something the school gives high priority to. For your information the named Lead Designated Safeguarding Officer in school is Mr Lindley (Assistant Headteacher). Mrs McGuire (Attendance and Welfare Manager), Ms C Bowers (Progress Leader), Mrs P Allen (Progress Leader) and Miss L Sedley (Assistant Headteacher) are also named Safeguarding Officers. Any causes of concern regarding safety of students from Years 7-13 should be passed on to one of these members of staff.

Arrangements for the end of term:

School will close at 1.10pm on Thursday 18th July for students in Year 12 only who have completed all work required including their PiXL Edge tasks.

School will close at 3.00pm on Friday 19th July for all students in Years 7,8,9 and 10. The school rewards trip for Year 8 and 9 is on the last day and they will return at approx 5.00pm.

Please ensure that you make the necessary arrangements for your child to be collected after the trip.

Autumn term begins on **Wednesday 4th September for Y7 - Y11 & Y13.** Students should report at the times indicated below. This information is also available on the School website www.chesterfieldhigh.co.uk

(New) Year 7 should report at 8.30am to the Sports Hall

Year 8 should report at 8.30am to their Form Rooms

Year 9 should report at 8.30am to their Form Rooms

Year 10 should report at 11.10am to the Arts Theatre

Year 11 should report at 11.10am to Form Rooms

Year 13 should report at 8.30am to the Arts Theatre

Year 12 should report at 9.00am to the Arts Theatre on **Thursday 5th September.**

School Gateway

The way we can communicate with parents/carers and students is via the School Gateway. This is our enhanced messaging system - www.schoolgateway.com this enables us to reduce paper and improve the efficiency of our messages home. This includes weekly news from the school, progress reports and examination timetables. We have seen a sharp rise in parents/carers making online payments for lunch money and trips and we have upgraded our cashless catering system to enable live payment and purchase information to be displayed on the mobile app and website. We no longer accept cash payments for trips and all payments need to be made online at www.schoolgateway.com or via the app.

Uniform

I would like to take this opportunity to remind students that we expect them to be proud of being members of Chesterfield High School and they should reflect this by wearing the correct uniform appropriately throughout the day, including their journeys to and from school.

The school has sent a letter to parents/carers with a uniform list and examples of shoes which are acceptable for school. We do not wish you to waste money on items that are not part of the uniform and therefore inappropriate. A list of the school uniform is on the school website. Please read this carefully as we would expect you to change an item of clothing or footwear which is inappropriate. Please check the website for details.

Students are rewarded every day if they wear the correct uniform through the Club 100 reward system. For pupils to attend school trips and enrichment events they need to achieve a target number of Club 100 points. The majority of our students are excellent ambassadors for the school and we need to work together to ensure that all students fulfil that role.

Throughout the year, a large collection of students' possessions, either uniform items or other personal belongings, arrive in lost property. Whilst every effort is made to return items to students, this is only possible when names are clearly marked on clothing/footwear or students are proactive in seeking out their belongings. From September, we will keep lost property for a month from when it is handed in. After that time, we will send lost property items to a Charity Shop. If your child loses something, please encourage them to report it to the General Office.

We continue to raise awareness of safety around school with students. We cannot be responsible for the loss or theft of electronic devices or other valuables. There are no secure areas in school for students to leave possessions unattended. School cannot therefore invest excessive time in searching for lost items.

Reports

All years have now received their final Monitoring of Performance report for this academic year. We hope that your child will be encouraged by the successes they have made this year. We welcome comments from parents on the termly monitoring and reporting system.

The issuing of external examination results are:

Thursday 15th August **8.00am Year 13**
 10.00am Year 12

Thursday 22nd August **10.00am Year 11**
 11.00am Year 10

As always, this is a time for saying farewell to staff, some of whom have worked at Chesterfield for many years.

This year we say farewell to Mrs L Dalton who has worked at the school for over 20 years as the Headteacher's PA and more recently the Director of Human Resources. We wish her both a long and happy retirement and thank her for all of the support and assistance she has given throughout the years to both pupils and colleagues alike.

We will also say goodbye to the following staff:

Miss P Tyrer (History Teacher), Miss Z Shaw (Teacher of Geography), Ms Welch (Teacher of ICT), Miss A Brack (Teacher of MFL) and Miss E Craddock (Teacher of Science), Mr A Healey (Teacher of History), Miss C Campbell (Teacher of MFL), Miss S Mullally (Teacher of English) and Miss K Marshall (Science Technician), Mr S Akanbi (Student Development Assistant), Miss S Williamson (Student Development Assistant).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work and commitment to the students of Chesterfield High School and to wish them every success for the future.

With our ever increasing number of students, we are pleased to welcome the following staff who will be joining us in September:

Miss G Jones (Assistant Headteacher - Pupil Progress & Behaviour), Mr M Coogan (Director of Learning, English), Ms Mary Hill (Teacher of MFL), Mr A Byrne (Teacher of Mathematics), Miss M Birkett (Teacher of English), Mrs C Coogan (Teacher of English) Miss C McGinty (Teacher of English), Miss M Fowler (Teacher of History), Ms B Guy (Teacher of History), Mr T Owens (Teacher of Mathematics), Dr E Henry (Teacher of Science), Ms S Gawne (Teacher of Geography), Mrs M Howarth (Teacher of Geography), Mr B Sharman (Teacher of Science) and Mr M Blackburn (Teacher of MFL).

My thanks go to everyone who has supported the students so well this year.

I wish you and your family a very enjoyable summer holiday.

Yours sincerely



Mr K Sexton
Acting Headteacher