



# Chapel-en-le-Frith High School

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Like other schools across the country we have sadly become used in recent years to supporting young people in dealing with the emotional impact of seeing terrorist attacks in the media. Monday night's shocking events in Manchester were rather closer to home, and at a venue many of our students know well. Some were at Monday night's concert; they are all safe and well. I would like to publically thank our staff who have been looking after the upset, and the angry, and answering, as well as anyone can, the many questions that such atrocities throw up. Yesterday I was shown some writing from our Philosophy and Ethics students, some of it as good a response to the attack as anything I've seen in the media; our view in school is that it is important to talk about these things, and the thoughtful and compassionate responses of many of our young people is a cause for hope.

It has been a short and a busy half term, the sporting and trips calendar has been packed, GCSEs have started and our year 11 students appear to have made a good start. I hope that year 11 manage to strike a good balance between revision and some relaxation over the holiday and that the rest of our students have a good break and return ready for the final half term of the school year on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Best wishes,

**Simon Grieves**  
Headteacher

**School re-opens  
to students  
on  
MONDAY  
5th June**

### Post 16 Week

All the information for Year 10 Post 16 week has now gone out to students, but just a reminder of the dates as they are a little unusual this year:

Tuesday 20th June to Friday 23rd June **and** Wednesday 28th June.

As in previous years all the students will have a mock interview during their Employability Day in school. As a result we are always looking for people to act as interviewers. So if you are a local employer, professional or have experience of interviewing and are willing to come into school on the afternoon of the 21st, 22nd, 23rd or 28th June please get in contact with the school.

**Cait Mangnall / Lesley Evans**

# Dates for your diary

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school at 8.40am
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	School Council elections
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr7 & 8 Salters Chemistry
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr10 CERN trip parent meeting
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer debating day
	Watersports trip parent meeting
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr8 & Yr9 Immunisations
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Post- 16 week
And Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Yr11 Prom at Palace Hotel, Buxton
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Book Fair
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Book Fair
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Youth Presents Music 7pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr10 Manchester University astronomy trip
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr6 Induction Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr6 Induction Evening
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
	High Peak Radio day
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	An Evening of Music, Whaley Bridge
	Uniting Church
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 7, 8 & 9 Watersports trip
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr10 CERN trip
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr10 Media City trip
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr8 Diversity Role Models workshop
	Yr10 Whitehall trip
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 9 and Yr10 Fine Art workshops
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr9 Whitehall trip
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr9 Geography field trip
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr8 London Trip
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Prize giving Yr7 & 8
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Prize giving Yr 9 & 10
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	British Golf Open Trip
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Break for summer holidays 2pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Students return to school 8.40am

## GCSE Exams

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June—Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

## Internal Exams

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr10 Maths exams
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 French Speaking exams
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 German Speaking exams
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr10 food practical
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Yr10 English Speaking exams
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr10.02 3D Art exam & Yr10.01 Photography exam
	Yr10 Food practical
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr10.01 Fine Art exam
	Yr10 Food practical
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr10.01 Fine Art exam

# School Events

## Year 10 Sponsored Walk

A big thank you to all of the Year 10 pupils who took part in this year's sponsored walk in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust and Cardiac Risk in the Young. The sun shone and everyone was in good spirits as over 120 pairs of weary legs made their way through Combs, up to Whitehall and back to school for a well deserved BBQ.



Could students please collect their sponsor money over half term and hand it into pupil reception as soon as possible.

For more information on the work of the Teenage Cancer Trust & C-R-Y see

[www.teenagecancertrust.org](http://www.teenagecancertrust.org)

<http://www.c-r-y.org.uk/>

**M Jones**

## Book Fair - Friday 23rd June until Wednesday 28th June

Bringing the very best in children's books to our school, the Book Fair will arrive very soon. It's the perfect opportunity for you to browse and choose from a wide selection of fantastic books.

There are **over 200 titles** for you to choose from, and with prices starting from **only £2.99**, there's sure to be a book for everyone to enjoy! Don't forget that every book you buy will help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our school.

All our students are given the opportunity to spend their time in tutor reading once a week and they are expected to bring a book with them for this activity. The Book Fair is a perfect opportunity for all our students to purchase a book they will enjoy reading in their tutor time.

This event will take place in the school hall during lunchtime from Friday 23rd June until Wednesday 28th June.

**G Dobson**

## The future shape of education in the area: a proposal

Many of you will be aware that successive recent governments have encouraged schools to leave local authority control and to become academies. Academies are self-governing schools that are funded directly from central government; the education they provide remains, of course, free. An academy is run by a non-profit making trust board that is responsible for standards in the school.

In recent years academies have been encouraged to group together forming multi-academy trusts and the direction of travel in English education policy suggests that all schools will eventually be part of a multi-academy trust. Derbyshire has been slower than other areas to adopt these changes, but even here many secondary schools are now making plans to move to the new model of school governance.

I have told you in previous newsletters that our governing body have been looking at this issue in some detail, and I promised you that I would update you if any firm plans emerged. I am now able to tell you that we are in the early stages of exploring a proposal to work with two other local schools to start a new multi-academy trust. The proposal suggests that we set up a trust with Buxton Community School and Highfields School in Matlock.

This proposal has arisen from informal discussion between three schools that have recently been working very closely together and between which a high level of trust exists. I need to stress that this proposal is at a very early stage, with many questions still to be answered. There are many advantages of working together in a trust, it would allow us to tackle the challenges of education together, to improve our schools through collaboration, and to become stronger and more financially secure organisations that are more resilient, in a difficult educational environment.

We believe that these schools fit together well because their governors have all expressed a strong desire to work together with local schools for the benefit of the young people of this area. The three schools are in a position of strength, academically and with Ofsted and we understand the local area, its needs and the unique educational challenges it presents. We need to be clear that we are not proposing a merger of schools; this proposal is about setting up a new body, a trust, to provide management oversight for these three schools in place of the local authority. The schools would continue to be run as they are now, keeping their ethos unchanged. If done well parents and students should notice no difference, except, potentially, even stronger schools in the future.

The proposal does not preclude the future involvement of other schools. However, we would like to proceed cautiously in our discussions, building a strong core for the trust first, and then considering other secondary and primary schools that might want to join us.

We need now to take the discussions to a more formal basis and we will take as long as is necessary to make sure that such an important decision is the right one. If we reach a stage where a firm, workable proposal exists our governing body will consult widely on the plans before agreeing to anything. Any changes will have to pass the test of preserving the very special qualities of this school and clearly benefiting our students in the future. If we do go ahead it is very unlikely the trust will be in place before September 2018.

We are very aware that the government's policy around academies is controversial, perhaps especially so in Derbyshire, but we are convinced that this proposal has the potential to bring benefits to our schools, our students and our staff. It opens some exciting opportunities and crucially by acting now, we ensure that we are in control of our own destiny.

We will of course keep you informed. If you have any questions please do get in touch.

**Simon Grieves**

## **Online payments for school meals and events**

Over the past few years we have frequently been asked by parents to introduce an online payment system for school meals. I am pleased to tell you that, after half term, we will be introducing such a system using a secure service called ParentPay.

The ParentPay system will be live at school on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017, we will use the system initially for payments for **school meals only**, but in future we plan to expand its use to payments for school trips and other activities.

Parents who wish to continue making payments by cash or cheque for school meals may do so for now, but in the longer term we will move towards making the school completely cashless. Please make cheques out for the correct amount and make payable to Interserve Catering Services Ltd, including your child's name on the reverse of the cheque. Cash and cheque payments are also recorded in your ParentPay online account, giving you a record of all payments you have made to school regardless of which method you use.

You will receive your unique ParentPay Account activation details during the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017. Some parents will have already had these and the remainder will receive these after half term.

# Student News

## Scientist of the half-term

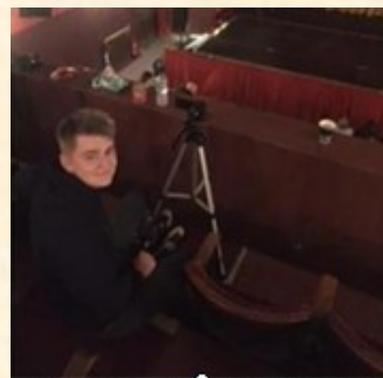
Rory Webb Yr7  
Thomas Gillot Yr8  
James Ashenden Yr9

## Highly commended

Yr7—Hugh Rawes, Grace Hall, Abi Colclough, Lewis Middleton, and Beth Nash  
Yr8—Chloe Fitton and Lauren Daly  
Yr9—Jonah Mellor, Beth Goddard and Cameron Robinson

**Zack Mather** did an amazing job this term of filming the school production of 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits' for Brabyns Preparatory School. He was extremely well organised and did a fabulous job of editing the recording to produce a very professional looking film of the play, to the delight of students and parents. Well done, Zack, and good luck with your Media Studies course at college!

**J Aston**



## Accelerated Reader Local Business Sponsors

Several local businesses have generously contributed donations of vouchers, prizes and money in order to help us to improve the provision of books and rewards for students taking part in the Accelerated Reading programme.

We would like to thank the businesses listed below for their support in promoting literacy at Chapel-en-le-Frith High School:

Hand Picked by Henrietta, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Reading Matters, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Tarmac, Buxton, Cemex, Dove Holes, Morrisons, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Tesco, Whaley Bridge, Chapel-en-le-Frith Golf Club, Vintage Treats, Chapel-en-le-Frith

If any other local businesses are interested in supporting our school in this way please do get in touch!

**G Dobson**

# Sports News

At last the sunshine has arrived so summer sport can be enjoyed as Wimbledon and the cricket season get in full swing! It has been a short half term and the following successes deserve a mention:

Congratulations to Caleb Winfield, Reece Johnson and Charlotte Peacock who have all gained places in the Derbyshire county cricket squads for this summer.

The school athletics team had a challenging first round of the English Schools Cup in wet weather in Sheffield but we are thrilled to find out this week that three teams have qualified for the Midlands finals. Off to Grantham we go next month!

On Monday this week the High Peak trials took place at Chapel and over 70 students competed against students from all the High peak schools. Many gained selection for the High Peak team and can look forward to competing in the county finals next month.

The school cricket teams are dodging the rain and playing in the county cups at three age groups. While the year 9s lost to Queen Elizabeth in the second round, the U15s and U12s are through to the quarter finals which will be played in the first week back after half term.

Duke of Edinburgh expeditions have started with the practice walk and a successful practice weekend. There are some tired but happy campers in school this week!

Sports Clubs remain the same after half term but golf club will be restarting now the sun is here! Details will be available after the mid-term break.

**E Milne CLM**

## Extra Curricular Activities and Sports Clubs

You can find an updated list of extra curricular activities and sports clubs for the Summer term online at <http://www.chapelhigh.org.uk/activities.html>

## News from the Music Department

During the summer term, our singers and instrumentalists will be busy preparing for two main events. Firstly, we have a performance which also involves some of our local primary schools. The 'Youth Presents Music' concert takes place on Wednesday, 28th June at Chapel High School. Then there is an *Evening of Music* on Saturday 8th July at Whaley Bridge Uniting Church when we will be the guests of Chapel Ladies' Choir.

Vocal examination results: Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. Tutor: Mrs Sue Lucas

Grade 1 - Millie Stewart - pass with MERIT

Grade 1 - Charlotte Patterson - pass with MERIT

Grade 2 - Serena Gilberthorpe - pass

Grade 3 - Charlotte Poole - pass with MERIT

Grade 4 - Scarlett Brown - pass

Grade 5 - Robert Munro - pass