

News from school...

We have had a really positive start to the new school term. Some of the nasty bugs that were causing student and staff absence before the holiday seem to have gone away, and student attendance is once again well above the national average. The atmosphere in school is calm, as I walk around school I'm seeing really good attitudes to learning in lessons.

We're also really proud to have the first of this school year's language trips out in Barcelona, this week. I'm told that staff and students are having a brilliant time in somewhat warmer weather than we have here! We have trips to France and Germany later in the year.

We're looking forward to...

Starting our year 9 options process in February. You'll receive information shortly about this but see the calendar section below for two important dates for parents of year 9 students.

Making school work...

Having run our new behaviour systems for the last term, we have made a couple of small changes. All students will now only be issued with one reminder to follow our expectations before a warning is issued. The previous 'caution' step has been dropped. I am really pleased to say that the system is working well, behaviour in lessons is very calm and focussed on learning and fewer and fewer students are receiving detentions.

With winter weather upon us please ensure that you understand our arrangements for severe weather. A summary of the information is included again below. Our website should be your prime source of information in bad weather. We will also text parents if school ever has to close, it is therefore really important that we have up to date contact details. If any of your details have changed, please either phone the school office or email datamanger@chapelhigh.org.uk with the new details.

It is also really useful if you can plan in advance what you will do if school is closed, if we have to close early, or if after school activities are cancelled.

Dates for your diary...

- Tuesday 23rd January Year 11 progress evening
- Monday 29th January Learning for Life day
- Tuesday 6th February Year 9 Options evening
- Thursday 15th February Year 9 Progress evening
- Friday 16th February School closes for half term.

You can find information about our Clubs and Activities on our website:

www.chapelhigh.org.uk/activities.html

Best wishes,

**Simon Grieves,
Headteacher**