

Notes from Chapel High - 11.09.23

We're trying something new this year, aiming to improve communication between school and home. We'll be sending you one of these short e-mails once a fortnight with some brief news from school, some useful tips on making school work well, and upcoming dates for your diary. This is the plain text version of this message, the PDF attachment includes photos. I hope that you find the information useful.

News from school...

We've had a great start to the year. Our year 11 leavers got superb GCSE results in the summer. Results that we now know were well above national average in almost all areas. They have secured places at some great local colleges and sixth forms, or gone on to start some brilliant apprenticeships.



Our new Year 7s have settled in well and have been enjoying their first weeks of secondary school life.

We've launched a new behaviour system this week in school and it is working well. Students tell us that it feels fair and that they like the new approach. We are looking forward to rewarding them for their hard work and efforts throughout the year.

We've been impressed by uniform this week. Students look very smart and have taken on board the tightening up of rules on jewellery.

We're looking forward to...

Our annual sponsored walk raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust, in which year 11 students will take part, is on Thursday 14th September. This is always a lovely community event where students walk six miles through the beautiful Combs Valley. Fingers crossed for good weather this time around!

Making school work...

Please remember that schools are not allowed to authorise term-time holidays. The way the government's policies and guidance on school attendance work, you will be fined if you take your child out of school for a holiday in term time. All adults with parental responsibility for a child are fined, so it can get quite expensive.

Dates for your diary...

- Wednesday 13th September School photographs (all year groups)
- Thursday 14th September Year 11 Sponsored Walk
- Monday 18th September Year 7 cognitive ability tests (CATS) (letter to follow)
- Tuesday 19th September Year 7 cognitive ability tests (CATS) (letter to follow)
- Tuesday 26th September Post-16 Evening (for Year 11s and their parents)
- Monday 25th September Year 7 field trips to Castleton
- Tuesday 26th September Year 7 field trips to Castleton
- Wednesday 27th September Year 7 field trips to Castleton
- Wednesday 27th September Year 7 Tutor Evening (more information to follow)
- Tuesday 3rd October Open Evening - 5.30pm - 8pm (for Year 5 and Year 6 and their parents)
- Tuesday 3rd October Open Day, tours at 9.30am and 1.30pm (Year 5 and Year 6 and their parents)
- Wednesday 4th October Open Day, tours at 9.30am and 1.30pm (Year 5 and Year 6 and their parents)
- Thursday 19th October Year 11 Progress Evening (more information to follow)
- You can find information about our Clubs and Activities on our website:
www.chapelhigh.org.uk/activities.html

Best wishes,

**Simon Grieves,
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