

Notes from Chapel High: 16th October 2023

This week we are sending out the first of our parent voice surveys. This is your chance to give us some feedback on what we are doing well and which areas to prioritise in the future. We're using a standard Ofsted set of questions, which I think are a little strange in places, but they do allow us to compare results with other schools. It would be great if everyone completed the survey to give us the best possible picture.

You can complete this survey using the form linked here: <https://forms.office.com/e/kLsc3JnSpi>

The survey will close at 8am on Monday 23rd October.

News from school...

We were excited to welcome well over 600 prospective students and parents across our open days and open evening. We had so many visitors that we lost count, but we think this year's events may have been the busiest ever. Thank you to everyone who came to visit. A reminder that the deadline for applying for school places for current year 6 students is **31st October 2023** and a link to the Derbyshire admissions webpage can be found [here](#).

During that busy week of open events, we celebrated another successful visit by students from Frederikssund Private Realskole (FPR) in Denmark, with a gala evening at the Palace Hotel in Buxton. As a school, we try hard to open the eyes of our students to the world beyond the hills of the High Peak, and this programme gives them the opportunity to meet people of their own age from another country and culture.

In a bid to be more sustainable, and to save you money, we have a good selection of second-hand revision guides in school. These will be available at this week's year 11 progress evening, for a small donation towards Blythe House and the year 11 prom fund.

Making school work...

Our school attendance is currently 93.3% for the year to date. This is above the national average, but still well short of pre-pandemic levels. This concerns us as we know that there is a direct link between attendance and success at school. As part of our drive to improve communication with parents you may shortly be receiving a letter giving you information about your child's attendance and offering support where needed. You can check your child's attendance at any time on the Go4Schools app. We are aiming for 96% attendance from all students.

The return to school is often blighted by colds and other bugs. Helpfully the NHS has published some guidance about when to send your child in to school and when to keep your child at home. The link is [here](#).

Dates for your diary...

- Tuesday 17th October - Year 11 Geography trip to York
- Wednesday 18th October - Year 11 Geography trip to York
- Thursday 19th October - Year 11 Progress Evening
- Monday 23rd October - Year 11 Photography trip to Manchester
- Wednesday 25th October - Learning for Life day
- Thursday 26th October - Year 11 mock interviews
- Friday 27th October - Year 11 mock interviews

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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