

News from school...

Last week's performance of Matilda Jr. the musical was superb. I think it was the best of any of the many shows I've seen here. I thought the singing was particularly impressive, and it was obvious that an enormous amount of work, from students and staff, had gone into the production. A huge thank you to all of the staff and students involved in putting the show together, we are really proud of you all.

We're looking forward to...

Tuesday 28th November is our "Class of 2023" celebration event for last year's leavers. It's always a proud moment as a Headteacher, catching up with former students and hearing how they are getting on in the next stage of their education.

Trip information

We encourage our students to look beyond the hills of the High Peak, and where possible do our best to provide opportunities and experiences to support this. The first of our residential trips of this academic year is to Barcelona. A parents' information evening for this trip has been scheduled for **Thursday 14th December**.

Berlin Trip

We have a new date for our languages department trip to Berlin later this year. This has now been arranged for Monday 29th April to Thursday 2nd May 2024. The trip sounds like a superb way to experience this exciting city. We have a small number of spaces still available for students in years 8 to 10. Full details of the trip, and an expression of interest form are here: <https://forms.office.com/e/Ei5EG1e6Pr>

CERN Trip

Unfortunately, we are unable to run the science residential trip to Geneva and CERN. CERN are currently not providing tours of the facility to schools from the UK. We are hoping to run this trip next year if group tours become available.

Making school work...

Some of our students are eligible for b_line travel discount cards. Sign up for free at: www.blinecard.co.uk

You may have seen media reports about [The Big Ambition national campaign](#) which has been set up by the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel De Souza. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition.

Dates for your diary...

- Thursday 30th November Christmas shopping night
- Wednesday 6th December Carol service (St Thomas Beckett church)
- Thursday 14th December Parent information evening for the Barcelona trip

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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