

Year 11 Newsletter

Welcome Parents, Carers & Guardians,

It has been an extraordinary term since returning from the summer holidays. We have welcomed our delightful Year 11 students back into a year group bubble, undertaken mock GCSE exams, revisited home learning for half of the year group and faced challenges that most of us could not have foreseen at the start of 2020. But, here we are at the end of the term still very much focused on achieving excellence across the Year group.

With the bubble popping in November we saw our students divided to those at home and in school. It could have been easy for the students to lose focus, not sign onto their lessons and disengage in class, but it's safe to say that, our students made life easier due to their calm and professional manor. Every student has worked their socks off this term, and had to face challenges like no other year group before them. My hope is that when we return in the New Year we will all be refreshed, energised and have a sense of renewed focus on achieving the successes that these children deserve.

I want to thank you all for the continued support for both the school and the students. Working with the students in Year 11 is a pleasure and that is in part down to the efforts you, the parents/carers/guardians, are putting in. Thank you.

I also want to congratulate the Year 11's for their continued success. They are a credit to the school and the embodiment of our ethos. Well done #TeamCHSG

I hope you all get to have a relaxing and stress-free break and look forward to welcoming back the students on the 4th January

Best regards

Jim Stockwell
Head of Year 11

Messages from our Head Girls

This term was quite unusual for all of us, not only for students but for teachers as well. Although our lessons were both face to face and online, students managed to strive under difficult circumstances and adapted very well. Despite the current situation of the country, Year 11,12 and 13 all completed their mock exams and the new year 7s settled in at CHSG. Additionally, a number of year 11 students were able to receive their pink T-shirt, to congratulate them for achieving their targeted grades in Math and English.

The school has been very supportive and encouraged students to donate to charities for the Christmas celebrations. Students in all year groups came together as one to perform the annual CHSG Christmas showcase, which we were all delighted to watch. We are looking forward to the next year as it is will be an opportunity for us to reflect and learn in order to conquer the challenges we face as a school.

Poomiha

Coming back from October half term brought students back with a new perspective and prospects. This term has brought a lot of positives, with some challenges, but as a school community we have overcome them together. During this term we held our Year 11 a PSHE Learning for Life day which educated students on basic essential life knowledge varying from love and abuse relationships to teen pregnancy. Students found these sessions useful and informative. This is something that I feel has brought a positive impact to school life as new information like this allows us as a school community to be able to learn and understand new aspects of the wider world. Another thing that was introduced into all year groups very recently is the golden ticket behaviour system. This is a new way for students and teachers to reward and monitor behaviour during class. This ensures that's students feel like they are being recognised for their hard work during class and rewarded for it. Golden tickets are put on to the system for teachers to collect at the end of term to be put into a raffle that rewards students. Additionally rewards have been attached to the golden ticket system as those with the most golden tickets collected in a week get a certificate to celebrate their hard work. Even though we have had a positive term there has been minor setbacks and, as a result, classrooms were sparse and most students were on MS Teams. Teachers found a way to work around this as they managed to teach and multitask between students. This is incredibly difficult as students in class and at home needed support, however, teachers and students both responded very well to the situation and as a result there was no missed learning time throughout this situation. I would like to thank teachers and students for persevering through these difficult times, as a community we have worked through this very well. I hope next term can be productive and positive like this one.

Caitlyn

Other updates

Golden tickets

We would like to congratulate everyone for their efforts this half term. The Golden Tickets have been flying out for Year 11 and it's with great pleasure that we get to announce the winner of the Golden Ticket Raffle as.....Malika.

Malika has worked really well this term and has been describes as a "pleasure to teach" by a number of her teachers. She has received

Congratulations. Let's keep up the good work.



Christmas Hampers

The deadline for the Christmas Hampers has now passed and Mrs Brice will be taking the hampers from years 9,10 and 11 to the Sutton Women's Centre and we will donate the hampers from Years 7, 8 and 6th form to HomeStart, based in Carshalton, which supports families with young children in our area.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this programme. It is really greatly appreciated.



FSM Christmas Vouchers

The government's 'Winter Support Grant' is funding free school meal vouchers for the Christmas school holiday period via the Local Authority (Sutton). The vouchers are for £30 to cover two weeks (Monday 21 December 2020– Friday 1 January 2021).

The £30 vouchers will be distributed using SchoolVouchers.com (also known as Wonde). Parents/carers have been sent an email from the school via School Comms to explain the process.

If you have not received your Christmas school holiday voucher(s) by Monday 14 December, please contact us via fsm@girlslearningtrust.org and our finance team will assist you.

The local authority website contains further information on the support available during the COVID pandemic and can be visited here <https://www.sutton.gov.uk/covid-19>

Message from Sutton CAMHS

Just before half term our service provided a workshop for parents titled 'Parenting Teens in Times of Uncertainty'. Many parents asked for a copy of the presentation and some who could not attend also got in touch. We have now managed to access the video.

Please follow this link which will take parents to a recording of the presentation.

<https://youtu.be/HcW-3Dnh9sI>

School Work at Home

At CHSG we have a number of online learning platforms in place in order to support students to complete homework and remote home learning. We understand that when parents/carers look to buy or renew home computers it is useful to know the specifications required in order to run these school platforms. The minimum recommendation for home computers is below:

Component	Requirement
Computer and processor	Minimum 1.6 GHz (or higher), 2 core
Memory	4.0 GB RAM
Hard disk	3.0 GB of available disk space – I would recommend the largest size disk space they can afford.
Display	1024 x 768 screen resolution
Graphics hardware	Windows OS: Graphics hardware acceleration requires DirectX 9 or later, with WDDM 2.0 or higher for Windows 10 (or WDDM 1.3 or higher for Windows 10 Fall Creators Update)
Operating system	Windows 10, Windows 10 on ARM,
.NET version	Requires .NET 4.5 CLR or later
Video	USB 2.0 video camera
Devices	Standard laptop camera, microphone, and speakers