

Year 11 Newsletter 28th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

It is with the greatest pleasure and sadness that we get to say goodbye to our lovely Year 11 students for the last time. As I write this, I am preparing my speech for our goodbye event on the 10th June. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents and careers to this event, so I have one final request from you all. Could you please drop me an email with your words of congratulations and encouragement for our students? I would like them to appear on the big screen during my speech so the more the merrier. It doesn't have to be long, but it would be lovely to have you involved in some way, shape or form. My email address is jimstockwell@carshaltongirls.org.uk If you could email this to me before the 7th June that would be greatly appreciated.

The last 5 years have been a journey like no other. With lockdowns and a global pandemic, changes to the Head of Year, changes to the tutor teams, changes to the cohort and GCSE assessments being cancelled in their normal format it is astonishing to think that our students have managed so well. Our students are leaving us as kind, respectful and solid citizens embarking on a new adventure at a 6th form or college of their choosing. Our students have shown an amazing level of maturity and resilience which must be commended. As they embark on this journey, we hope that they reflect on their time here at CHSG as one of positives. Our students have helped our school to evolve its ethos and image, to develop the cultural capital of our student body and to set the bar of excellence that other year groups now must meet. They have been a phenomenal year group that I am very proud to say I had the privilege to work with.

I want to thank our students for all of their hard work and their kind and respectful attitude. Although it has had difficult moments, my time with our Year group has been a pleasure and I will miss our students greatly. I wish them all the best on their new adventure and hope that they achieve every success and happiness that they deserve.

We have a couple more words from Miss Ishola and Mrs Durrett.

Miss Ishola

It has been an absolute pleasure supporting you all during a turbulent final year at CHSG. I have witnessed such resilience and maturity from you all, whether it was overcoming nerves or completing assessments, you have all been truly inspiring. I'm hoping to see many of you back in the sixth form, but if your pathway takes you elsewhere, I wish you all the very best. I know the journey you have been on at CHSG will be one never to be forgotten. Congratulations class of 2021!

Mrs Durrett

You did it! You made it through your school years, and you survived! I am immensely proud of how you have conducted yourselves throughout this assessment period and am so glad I had the pleasure of working with you in your final year. I hope my little videos motivated you, cheesy as they often were, and that you will look back on your

schooling with no, or certainly few, regrets. I wish you the best of luck for your future endeavors and know you will all achieve your potential if you work hard; if you want something then make it happen. The sky really is the limit and so do not let anything, especially lack of belief in yourselves, hold you back. I leave you with one final quote, it is possibly my favorite:

“To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.” **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

I look forward to seeing you at the 6th Form Open days and at the Leavers’ celebration on the 10th June. Enjoy your half term and don’t forget to keep your brain active by completing some of the online courses that will be available for you.

Be amazing, be you!

All the best,

Mrs Durrett 😊

Finally, I want to offer my thanks to you, the parents and careers. Your help over the last 5 years has been invaluable. Your support at times of personal crisis, your assistant with home schooling during lockdown, your flexibility and adaptability in the day-to-day support of our students has been sensational so thank you for all your support.

It is with great pride that we say goodbye to these young adults who have achieved so much and hope that we get to see them again sometime in the near future.

All the best

Jim Stockwell

Reminders

Final day of Learning /Assessment

The student's final day of learning/assessments will be on the 28th of May. All students will still be in lesson until our afternoon registration so we must maintain our focus and professionalism during this time. Traditionally, students would have their leavers assembly on this day but due to the assessments we have rearranged this for a later date (see below).

Once this day has ended, the assessment marking will be finalised before we, as a school, finalise our data and send it over to the respective exam boards.

W/C 7th June 2021.

After half term we would like to invite Year 11 students back into school to carry out some transition opportunities for their next stage in their academic future. We will offer a careers fayre and next steps support from our experienced careers officer. As many students are still undecided about the subjects, they may go on to study in the Sixth

Form or College we will offer a subject fayre in which students can gain a wider understanding of all the subjects offered in the Sixth Form and it will be a chance to speak to Year 13 students about the courses and collect valuable resources and information to help them make a more informed choice.

On the 8th of June, all students on the X band will be invited in to spend the day in our Sixth Form building (S block) where the fayres will take place. Students can also access the workrooms and spend some time looking at careers and courses on offer. Students will also be invited to spend time in the Sixth Form common room and utilise the on-site café. On the 9th of June, all the students on the Y band will be invited in to complete their day. Students should aim to arrive by 9am on their allocated days and are welcome to stay all day but can leave at lunch time should they have everything they need. We do ask that all students sign in and out at the entrance to the S block as we need to know who is on site at all times.

We hope this day will be extremely useful for students to get a feel for Sixth Form life and to assist them in their choices for their next steps. We ask that all students come into school dressed in smart clothing as per our Sixth Form uniform, please see the attached information sheet. Students can of course wear their school uniform if they would prefer but we ask that no casual attire is worn as it is a professional environment.

Please note that if your child will not be joining our Sixth Form for the next academic year then they will have the choice to not attend on these dates.

10th June 2021

On the 10th of June, all students in Year 11 will be invited into school together to join us in a leavers' celebration. We ask that students arrive for the assembly starting at 10am where we will give out subject awards, deliver speeches and hear from some of our Year 11 representatives who will reflect on their time at CHSG. The assembly should last around an hour and then we will invite all students onto the field for a goodbye send-off. This is the student's opportunity to take photos, say goodbye to teachers, sign books and decorate their school t-shirts, enjoy some refreshments, entertainment and enjoy some social time together before departing the school around 1pm. It would be lovely to see students dressed up and looking lovely for their photos, however if students want to wear their uniform, they are more than welcome to. We do ask that nobody comes into school with ripped up or defaced uniform, if this is the case, they will be sent home.

In addition to the above, we were hoping to arrange a uniform donation station where our students will be able to hand back uniform that they will no longer need. The aim will be to contribute back to the wider school community and support new students transitioning into our school, or those already here, who need additional support, due to the difficulties we have all experienced recently.

Whilst we appreciate that this is a break from previous year groups who have held a prom or 'mucked-up' their uniform, this approach to the end of term is a better reflection of our wonderful students and how they have matured. We have a group of very

dignified and mature group of young people who have an opportunity to set the bar for future leavers and show a level of excellence not only towards their learning but to the wider community as well.

W/C 14th June 2021

This week we will be asking students to work from home and will provide an interactive booklet detailing an abundance of online courses and Sixth Form preparation work. We hope students will make the most of this opportunity to keep their minds active and to help prepare them for their next academic stage.

Leavers' Merchandise

Communication has gone out regarding leavers hoddies and year books. If you require further information, then please contact Ms Ishola at tishola@carshaltongirls.org.uk