

Year 11 Newsletter 30th April 2021

Welcome back after what was hopefully a restful Easter break. We hit the ground running this half term, as the finish line draws nearer for Year 11. Last half term saw Year 11 take their maturity to another level, with their commitment to their studies and in regard to their behaviour in and out of school. We hope this busy half term will lead to excellence across the cohort

Assessments

Assessments are in full swing now to build students' portfolios of evidence towards their GCSEs. This is by no means an easier option to examinations, as the same amount of effort, focus and resilience is required in the lead up to assessments, and during completion of assessments. This is a good opportunity for students to utilise their teachers and learning time during lessons, to get some constructive feedback, as well as guidance during preparation lessons.

Pastoral support is always available to help with the increase of workload and general well-being of the students. We are making at least one member of staff available at the end of the day if the students need someone to talk to before they go home.

The Big Ask

Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England, needs children and young people's help. Her job is to speak up for children in England, stand up for their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want.

Rachel feels it's time to give something big back to young people after COVID — and she needs your help to do it.

This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. They'll use what you tell them to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives. We really urge all of our students to complete this survey and have their voices heard.

This survey will only take 5-10 minutes - <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

School uniform

As the weather gradually becomes warmer, there are just some reminder as to how our uniform policy should be applied correctly, in particular the following points:

- Sunglasses are not permitted in school.
- The blazer/cardigan must be always worn.
- Only religious necklaces should be worn. These must be out of sight, tucked underneath the blouse.

The policy also states that we will confiscate items such as scarves, coats, headwear and sunglasses and they will be kept safe with the Head teacher's PA until collected by a parent. Jewellery that is confiscated is handed back to the students at the end of every half term by the Heads of Year.

Sixth Form

Thank you to those who have already applied and accepted a place in the Sixth Form with us following interviews that were carried out. Those who did not wish to accept the offer, should have contacted Mrs Norman by now.

If a student did not apply to CHSG Sixth Form, but is now considering this as an option, please contact Mrs Norman at the following email address: bnorman@carshaltongirls.org.uk

Supporting parents/guardians

- Parenting teens in times of uncertainty: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HcW-3Dnh9sl>
- Supporting your teenager with anxiety:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5ZTggCEG98&t=286s>

Rewards

Many students were acknowledged by their teachers for their outstanding application to their education and overall performance since returning after lockdown. It is always wonderful to celebrate the achievements of our students and we will be aiming to do more that this half term. Extra congratulations go to Tracey who topped the Golden ticket rewards and won a £10 WH Smiths voucher. Well Done!

Final words

We continue to strive for the very best as a year group and hope every opportunity, and support provided, is used effectively by all students.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in contact should you have any queries or concerns.