

Year 11 Newsletter 14th May

Welcome team 11!

We have reached our penultimate newsletter for Year 11. We are coming close to the end of our time with the cohort and, whilst it will be sad to see them leave, it is also a time filled with much excitement and pride with how far they have come in the journey with us.

As always, our Year 11 students have maintained a high level of excellence during this stressful time which must be celebrated. As mentioned previously, we are currently in our assessment gathering period where our Year 11 students have been undertaking a series of assessments/essays/coursework task to contribute towards their final GCSE grades. They have been under an immense amount of pressure and scrutiny in all their subjects and continue to work diligently towards the end results of their GCSE study. We have seen an increase of stress from our students so we, as a school and Year team, are working with the students to deliver additional support around stress management and anxiety relief. If you feel that your child will need additional support or assistance for the remainder of this assessment gathering period, then please do email me on jimstockwell@carshaltongirls.org.uk and we will make sure we work closely to support your child.

The next section of this newsletter is based solely on the end of term arrangements. The hope is to provide some clarity around the arrangements and provide a clear picture of the farewell events.

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

Following on from previous correspondence regarding the Yearbook, there will be further notification about both Yearbooks and Hoodies from Monday 17th May. Students and parents are advised to keep an eye out for information going via email regarding purchasing and deadlines. These items are a wonderful way for many students to reflect on their time in secondary education, even after leaving to begin new adventures in the world.

I appreciate that there is a lot of information to absorb and some of this may need further discussion. If you do need to contact me, please feel free to do so at jimstockwell@carshaltongirls.org.uk or on 0208 647 8294 ext 2121

I hope you have a wonderful couple of weeks and we look forward to speaking with you soon

Jim Stockwell

Other notices

Sixth Form Dress Code Update

Dress Code

From September, we are introducing a new dress code for the Sixth Form. We feel that this is really important for a number of reasons.

- To promote learning
- To help raise standards
- To encourage a sense of community and equality

We appreciate that this is a change from the current dress code. However, in line with raising standards across the school we want our high expectations to continue into the Sixth Form.

This is an item on our school council agenda and the students have a chance to respond to this and give us their thoughts and feedback. We will then share the finalised dress code.

We appreciate that this is a big change for Year 11 and wanted to give them sufficient time to prepare for this. Mrs Norman did an assembly about the dress code this week with the students.

Sixth Form Dress Code 2021

Students must be smartly dressed at all times, as you would be if working in a smart professional environment. Sixth Form students are role models for the rest of CHSG and as such need to be smartly presented at all times. A smart business style is therefore expected.

Clothing must be smart professional attire and not casual wear.

All students **must** wear their ID badges at all time.

The school values the diversity of cultures, religions and disabilities of its students and will take a sensitive approach when this affects dress requirements, however, faces must remain uncovered in school.

Safeguarding

Please find the safeguarding bulletin attached along with the newsletter. This week we look into peer-on-peer abuse, identifying the signs and symptoms before explaining where to get help. Please read over this as this can have an impact on many children who are unwilling to share their experiences and need additional support.