

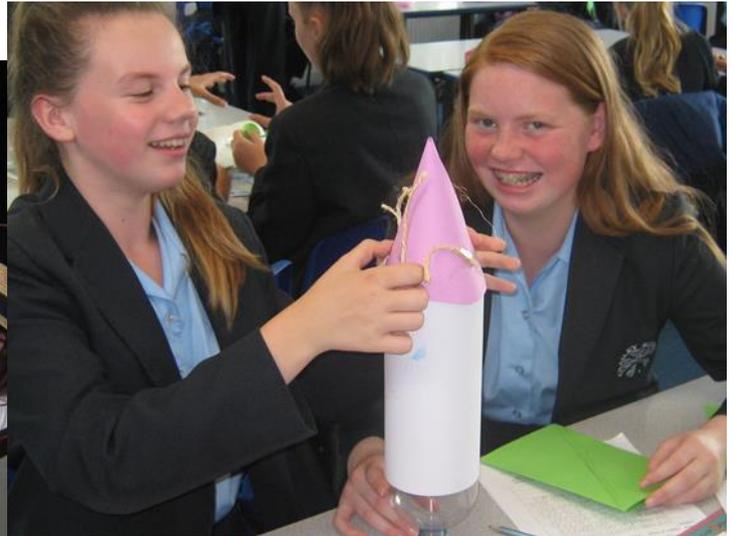
CHAILEY SCHOOL

A Specialist Language & Humanities College



Weekly Newsletter 2016-2017 14th July 2017 – Term 6, Week 6

Curriculum Enrichment Week



Prom at Plumpton Race Course



Weekly message from the Headteacher Mrs Key



Curriculum Enrichment Week

What a marvellous week this has been for Chailey School. Year 10 have really done themselves and their school justice on their week of work experience. I have visited some of the students myself and have seen first-hand just what a valuable week this is for them. Not only do they experience a work environment but they also learn valuable life skills which will really help them as they move into year 11 and start to think seriously about future college courses and potential careers. I have seen students who have been able to observe veterinary consultations and operations, support children learning to sail, work with children with special needs and a student who has been making parts of specialist equipment. This is just a small taster of the experiences our students have had. One of our students has even spent the week in Edinburgh – unfortunately I didn't get to see him!

Most of Year 9 have been busy in Wales trying out all sorts of outdoor and adventurous activities including caving, rock climbing, canoeing and pony trekking. They have had a great time and made valuable memories which will last a lifetime. This week really helps to set the year group up for the rigours and demands of studying for their GCSEs. The Year 9 students who didn't attend Wales Camp have been busy in school with a special enrichment week of their own and have really thrown themselves into everything offered.

Years 7 and 8 have had an alternative timetable and we have been able to immerse them in creative activities that we don't have time for in the normal curriculum. Particular favourite activities of mine have been making sushi in Food technology and making Metal Sharks out of old tin cans in Design Technology.

We have also had our new cohort of Year 7 students for September in school for two days. We have been really impressed with their behaviour and attitude and we look forward to

welcoming them to the school again in September.

I can't end my message without mentioning the Year 11 Prom. It was a glorious evening and the Plumpton Racecourse venue was a stunning backdrop for the occasion. The students were immaculate in dress and behaviour – thank you to everyone for making it a special evening.

You will be aware that I have been working really hard to improve the attendance of students at school and, together with the support of parents, we have made a real difference this year. We will continue to work right up until the last day of term so I would like to ask parents to ensure students are in school each day with the correct equipment.

As we reach the last week of the school year I would like to thank the Chailey community for welcoming me into the school. This really is a special place full of wonderful students and very hard-working and professional staff.

Do you know an ex-student of Chailey School?

We are looking to establish an active alumni to help people from the Chailey family community to stay in touch and share their stories, adventures and triumphs with our students. Please get in touch with us at office@chaileyschool.org

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Headteacher's Student of the Week

Thor Clifford-Wilson

Thor always gives of his best in school and is a really enthusiastic student. This week he has been exceptional in helping both our new students for September, but also other students around the site. Thank you Thor and well done.

Chailey Students Support the Patina Parade

Some of our talented musical students performed at this local festival last Friday, showcasing their great talents to good effect, playing their first ever encore and receiving many fantastic comments.

The students set up their band with help and support from Starfish, a community group which supports music development. Unfortunately they are about to lose their current base and need to fundraise. This coming Saturday there is a fundraiser 'Starfish in the Park' taking place in Paddock Field in Lewes from 12 noon to 8.00pm. It is looking like a great day out. It is free to enter and there will be a mini festival with live music, drawing workshops, tea and cakes, a BBQ and a bar. If you are free it looks like a good option for a day out.



Congratulations in Drama Exams

Two Chailey students have performed brilliantly in prestigious drama exams.

Year 8 student Chance Stoner attained Grade 3 Foundation Medal in Acting in the New Era Academy exams held in Brighton last weekend.

Year 7 student Mylo Chamberlin achieved the Grade 3 Speech and Drama Foundation Medal in the same exams held at Jury's Inn Hotel.



Both students achieved exceptionally high marks. They have been studying drama for several years having both started at Wivelsfield Primary School under the tuition of drama teacher Wendy Murray.

Mrs Murray said: "They have done exceptionally. Mylo and Chance both work very hard and really enjoy their drama and I am very proud of their achievements. Well done Mylo and Chance!"

Year 7 Ditchling Ice-cream Sale

On the 6th July, 7 Ditchling held an ice-cream and ice-lolly sale to raise money for their tutor group charity, Kidasha. Kidasha works to prevent the neglect, abuse and exploitation of disadvantaged, working and street children in Nepal. The sale raised a total of £94.15. We are very proud of their efforts. Ms Burke and Ms Scanlon.

Upcoming Events and Dates

SUMMER TERM 2017		
<u>JULY 2017</u>		
Monday	17	19:00 Awards Evening
Tuesday – Friday	18 – 21	D of E Silver Assessed Expedition
Friday	21	End of Term – school closes at 13:00 for staff and students



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2017

The aim of Friends of Chailey is to raise funds to assist the school to enhance your child's learning experience.

Once upon a time the funds raised by a PTA supplied the 'cherry on the cake' but now with the increasing squeeze on school budgets, our fundraising is ever more important and our donated funds have become part of the 'essential ingredients', as well as the 'cherry' on the cake! Every parent automatically becomes a member of Friends of Chailey for the duration of your child's time at Chailey School. Your level of involvement is entirely up to you but every little helps!



Facebook

Follow us on our Facebook page to keep up-to-date with all our news and forthcoming events.
To find us: Chailey School - Friends of Chailey PTA

Forthcoming Events — Dates for your diary!

Thursday 21st September — AGM School Library 6pm

Friday 13th October - Family Quiz Evening

Saturday 9th December - Christmas Fayre

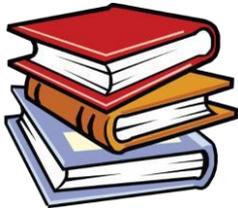
16th March 2018 - Travelling Trends Fashion Show

2018 — Ladies Pamper Evening



Coins 4 Cash

We are now collecting Coins 4 Cash! So many of us have odd foreign coins and banknotes lying around which we can no longer use; but by pooling them all together we can get them exchanged and make money for the school with minimum effort. Please send in any donations in an envelope marked Coins 4 Cash to the school office for the collection jar. All foreign coins and banknotes, any old British and Irish money. Even obsolete currency is accepted! Your help is really appreciated!



Chailey Book Club

At every event there will be a table of both hardback and paperback books available. These can be purchased by way of a donation. All funds will go to Friends of Chailey.



You can raise funds for the school from the comfort of your own home!

EASYFUNDRAISING is the UK's No 1 charity cashback platform. Shop through EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK nominating Friends of Chailey - Chailey School as the beneficiary. The shops and sites you use pay a commission which is turned into a donation for our school. Please sign up as a supporter and start shopping. Every penny helps so please do encourage all the family to shop. There is even a donation reminder or you can download the app so no opportunity is missed. You can also track how much you have raised as well as others signed up for the same cause.

Sponsorship

Would your company/employer be interested in sponsoring one of our events or Enterprise Day? If so, we would be happy to discuss a sponsorship package.

Please email: friends@chaileyschool.org

Interested in joining the Friends of Chailey team?

If you haven't already signed up and would like to join the team, please contact friends@chaileyschool.org or telephone during term time on 01273 890407. All welcome! Vacancies— From September 2017 we are look for a Treasurer and Secretary - If you would be interested and would like to discuss either of these roles further, please contact us.

Friends of Chailey - Working together for our children's future.

Thank you for your support - every little helps!

“Save and Raise”

Second hand uniform for sale

The new academic year can be an expensive time when it comes to buying new school uniform (especially when you have twins!).

We also know that schools everywhere are suffering from funding cuts. To try and help both these things just a little bit, I would like to set up a second hand uniform scheme with 100% of profits going to Chailey School.

From September onwards, I plan to have the uniform sales at key school events such as the Christmas fair. In the meantime, however, if you have school uniform that your child has outgrown let me know, or drop off it at the school office before the end of term. Also, if you need school uniform items (including sports gear) let me know that too.

By e-mailing me, Sue Barham, with information about what you have to sell or what you are looking for I can get this started by putting parents in touch with each other.

E-mail: sue222@btinternet.com

I have twins and am drowning in navy school trousers that now skim their ankles (age 14).

Prices can be emailed to anyone interested and I will keep you updated regarding how much we raise