

# CHAILEY SCHOOL

A Specialist Language & Humanities College



## Weekly Newsletter 2017-2018 6th October 2017 – Term 1 - Week 5

### Fun Run



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## Message from Mrs Key



Another busy week at Chailey School has seen our first whole school 'Fun Run'. We are really proud of the way that students and staff got into the spirit of the day and hope we can raise some significant funds for additional items for the school.



We also had an amazing cross country event where we hosted over 100 primary students.

One of the really positive things I have noticed this academic year is the number of students that are staying for after school extra-curricular events. The photographs show just some of the 50 students that are currently attending our gymnastics club.



## Swimming Team

After the successful launch of our Equestrian Team we are now looking to set up a swimming team to take part in any schools events in the future. We have begun in a small way by entering the first stages of a national competition. If we want to take a bigger team we will need to look for parents with business insurance on their cars who can help transport students. We will also need any parent who has experience of supporting swimming galas to help out. If you are interested please contact Helen Key at the school.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Huge thanks to the bakers among our staff who helped us raise over £150 for this great charity.

## Student of the Week

Sophie Gander of 10 Firlie gets the award this week for her amazing commitment to work in school. As an example, in English she produced an exceptional piece of homework, going way over and above expectations, and produced a piece of work which will really help her with her GCSE studies.

## Sussex Safer Road Partnership

This Thursday all of year 7 were visited by Sussex Safer Roads Partnership. They were enthralled at a dramatisation and question and answer session on using our roads safely. Being in such a rural area we are well aware of road safety issues already and it is good to have this support in teaching children to use the road network in a safe way.



## Dyslexia Awareness Week 2017

This week Chailey School has been supporting Dyslexia Awareness Week 2017. The theme this year is Positive Dyslexia and we have embraced this with a 'Positive Dyslexia' poster campaign. All teaching rooms have displayed posters with positive quotations about dyslexia, as well as our own Chailey Dyslexia Awareness poster designed by Year 7 dyslexic learners with its slogan: "Having a learning difference doesn't need to hold you back. Recognise what you're good at and how you learn best." Tutors have been discussing dyslexia positively with their tutor groups, encouraging our students to recognise dyslexia as a learning difference rather than a difficulty.

Our newly appointed dyslexia ambassadors (two from each year group) will now provide an important voice for the dyslexic learners in our school. They will meet formally with teachers every month to share ideas about effective strategies for improving learning and motivation and collaborate on new initiatives to support students challenged by dyslexia.

This week has also seen the launch of the 15 Minute Club: a weekly lunchtime club for our new Year 7 dyslexic learners run by the dyslexia ambassadors and Ms Hopkinson, our specialist dyslexia teacher. The club offers a space for students to meet, play games, complete homework, swap dyslexia-friendly reading books and share ideas. The name of the club, chosen by students, was inspired by a reading statistic: "If you read for just 15 minutes a day you will read up to 1,000,000 words every year." The club aims to get all students who attend on track with their reading and feeling good about themselves and school.



Members of the 15 Minute Club celebrating Dyslexia Awareness Week 2017 with Year 11 Dyslexia Ambassadors Theo Blincko and Bethany Scarlett.

Continuing to improve provision for our SEND students is a key aim of Chailey's Strategic Plan. We are currently working towards achieving dyslexia-friendly status beginning with the English Faculty later this term. Last month all teaching staff completed Dyslexia awareness training and now we share a common goal that all lessons will incorporate dyslexia-friendly techniques to ensure that our dyslexic learners are given every opportunity to meet their potential and enjoy their learning.

If you have any concerns or queries about our dyslexia-friendly approaches please do not hesitate to contact Ms Hopkinson, our dyslexia specialist, for further information.

**We're supporting**  
**Dyslexia Awareness Week**  
**2-8 October 2017**  
**#positivedyslexia2017**



## Future Events

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2017</b>		
<b>OCTOBER 2017</b>		
Monday - Friday	9 to 13	Reading Week
Monday - Friday	9 to 13	Year 9 MFL Listening & Reading exams
Tuesday	10	Year 7 TrekCo Team Building Trip (Blackland Farm)
Friday	13	Year 7-Year 11 School Photos and Friends of Chailey Quiz Night
Friday - Monday	13 to 16	Year 11 Madrid Trip
Monday - Friday	16 to 20	The 'Big Draw' Week
Thursday	19	<b>18:00</b> Welcome to KS3 Evening for Year 7 Parents/Carers
Friday	20	Year 11 Progress Reports Home
<b>Monday - Friday</b>	23 to 27	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Term begins for students at normal time</b>
Monday	30	Year 11 Focussed Revision Month
<b>NOVEMBER 2017</b>		
Wednesday	1	18:00 'Success in Year 11 Evening (1)' for all of Year 11
Tuesday and Wednesday	7 & 8	Year 11 Trial Art Exam
Tuesday	14	Year 11 Car Safety Morning
Wednesday	15	Enterprise Day
Thursday	16	<b>16:30</b> Year 11 Parents' Evening
Saturday	18	D of E Training Day
Thursday	23	<b>18:00</b> Presentation Evening (Class of 2017)
Thursday	23	Year 9 Academic Reviews Home
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Inset Day - school closed for students</b>
Monday - Friday	27 - 1	Year 11 Trial Exams (1) all subjects
Wednesday	29	Friends of Chailey 1950's Dance Workshop

### 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**



## "RAISE AND SAVE"



### Second Hand School Uniform service

The new Chailey School Second hand uniform service got off to a good start during the Summer holiday with nearly £50 being raised, not bad considering items start at just a couple of pounds 😊

If you would like to find out more about the uniform stock available and the prices please contact [sue222@btinternet.com](mailto:sue222@btinternet.com)

Uniform donations, all items and all sizes, are very gratefully received. This is a fantastic way to raise money for the school and to save yourself money at the same time!

100% of money raised goes straight back to the school



**COLLEGE/SIXTH FORM OPEN DAYS AND APPLICATION DEADLINES**

<b>PROVIDERS</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINE</b>	<b>HOW TO APPLY</b>
Beacon Academy	18 October 2017	5.00-8.00pm	End of November	Paper
BHASVIC	15 & 16 November 2017	6.30-9.00pm	1 December 2017	Online
Crawley College	11 November 2017 15 March 2018	2.00-8.00pm	21 December 2017	Online / Paper
Burgess Hill Girls	30 September 2017 9 October 2017	12.30-3.30pm 6.30-9.00pm	N/A, you can apply throughout the year	Paper
Greater Brighton Metropolitan College	4 October 2017 2 November 2017 29 November 2017 31 January 2018 22 March 2018	5.00-7.00pm 5.00-7.00pm 5.00-7.00pm 5.00-7.00pm 5.00-7.00pm	N/A, you can apply throughout the year	Online
Plumpton College	30 September 2017 11 November 2017	9.00-12.00pm 9.00-12.00pm	N/A, you can apply throughout the year	Online / Paper
Netherfield Centre	14 October 2017	9.00-12.00pm		
Sackville School	2 November 2017	5.30-7.30pm	8 December 2017	Paper
Seaford Head Sixth Form	12 October 2017 14 October 2017	6.00-8.00pm 9.00-12.00pm	8 December 2017	Paper
Sussex Downs - Lewes	6 October 2017 7 October 2017 14 October 2017 24 January 2018	4.30-7.30pm 10.00-12.30pm 4.30-7.30pm 4.30-7.30pm	N/A, you can apply throughout the year	Paper / UCAS
Sussex Downs - Eastbourne	13 October 2017 14 October 2017 9 November 2017 31 January 2018	4.30-7.30pm 10.00-12.30pm 4.30-7.30pm 4.30-7.30pm	N/A, you can apply throughout the year	Paper / UCAS
St Pauls Catholic College	16 November 2017	6.00-8.00pm	20 December 2017	Online
Uckfield CTC	9 November 2017	5.00-8.00pm	15 December 2017	Paper
UTC Harbourside (Newhaven)	16 September 2017 (Technical Skills Centre) 5 October 2017 14 October 2017 16 November 2017	10.00-2.00pm  6.00-8.00pm 10.00-2.00pm 6.00-8.00pm	1 December 2017	Online / UCAS
Varndean College	30 September 2017 6 & 7 November 2017	11.00-2.00pm 6.30-9.00pm	1 December 2017	Online
Baccalaureate	19 October 2017	6.30-7.45pm		