

# CHAILEY SCHOOL

A Specialist Language & Humanities College



## Weekly Newsletter 2017-2018 12th January 2018 – Term 3 - Week 2

### Christmas Show Highlights



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## Message from Mrs Key



Happy New Year to everyone. Christmas now seems a distant memory I know, but I hope it brought some rest and relaxation time for all. We 'hit the ground running' in January with a return to learning.

Year 11 students collected their trial exam results last Friday. We try to make this as similar as possible to the experience they will get when they receive their 'real' GCSE results in August this year. Years of experience have taught me that students can make great strides between the trial exam results and sitting the GCSE exams in May and June. It really is a question of learning from the experience, ensuring the hours of revision are put in and getting to grips with the areas that are most difficult.

There is lots of help in school and our weekly intervention programme has now been published to both Year 11 students and parents. Attending these sessions can make a real difference. Important upcoming dates for your diaries are:

### **Thursday 18th January - 4.30pm - 7.30pm** **Year 11 Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening**

We have put this in as an extra evening this year so that we can meet together at this critical time for Year 11 students.

### **Wednesday 7th February – 6:00pm** **Success in Year 11 Evening**

All Year 11 parents and students are advised to attend this evening.

### **Week beginning 19th February**

Second set of trial exams for Year 11.

For Year 9 students this term is very important as they begin the process of choosing their options for GCSE subjects. We provide lots of support for this in school and this year students will be supported with an interview from a senior member of staff. Important dates for your diary are:

### **Thursday 25th January – 4:30pm** **KS3 Parent/Tutor Evening**

This is an opportunity to find out how your child is progressing in all subject areas and to discuss the options process.

### **Thursday 1st February - 6:00pm** **Options Evening**

Information about the core and additional curriculum at KS4 plus an opportunity to speak to staff and KS4 students about each 'optional' subject.

### **Thursday 8th February**

Deadline for return of options forms.

## Christmas Show

It was lovely to see so many students getting involved with our annual Christmas Show which took its theme as 'Songs from the West End' As well as some stunning individual and group performances we were especially impressed with our team of student technical helpers. They lead this area of the show with complete autonomy and learned how to use complex equipment in a speedy and entirely competent way. Well done to you all.

## Contact Information

We are in the process of changing our telephone system in school and hope that this will improve service to you if you are trying to contact us in school. Please be aware that we are all really busy and that staff are not always available to take an immediate phone call. The easiest way for us to receive messages from you is by e-mail as this then gives us information about the matter you wish to discuss. We endeavour to respond to all communication within 24 working hours. Please see a reminder about our contact information at the end of this newsletter.

## Gold CREST Award

Gaining a Gold Crest Award in STEM is very, very rare and also incredibly impressive. We are delighted that Andreea Alexa in Year 11 has just received this honour for her additional work and research in Science, all completed outside of the curriculum. Well done Andreea!

## Student of the Week

Kara McBrown – 7FI for her outstanding attitude in PE since starting at Chailey last September.

## Artist of the Week

Kris Pepper-Harris - 9DI, Pop Art cartoons!



## John Muir Award at Chailey School

A specially selected group of students from Years 7 to 9 have begun working with Mike Murphy from the Sussex Wildlife Trust on some conservation work on Chailey Common. As well as learning valuable skills in conservation work, leadership and team work they are also working towards a recognised qualification.

Mike Murphy gave the school this feedback. 'What a fabulous day! The students worked incredibly hard to cut and clear silver birch saplings with hand tools which were then burnt on a huge bonfire. Pocket ponds were dug to reduce flood risk in the area and improve the wetland habitat. The students used the tools safely, managed the fire well and were enthusiastic about the experience. It was a really wonderful day for us too, observing the group rise to responsibilities they were given.'




## Future Events

<b>JANUARY 2018</b>		
Saturday	13	D of E Training Day
Thursday	18	<b>16:30</b> Year 11 Parents' Evening and Academic Reviews home
Monday – Friday	22 – 26	Arts Award Launch in Assemblies this week
Thursday	25	<b>16:30</b> KS3 Tutors'/Parents' Evening
Thursday	25	Year 9 Progress Reports Home
<b>FEBRUARY 2018</b>		
Thursday	1	<b>18:00</b> Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday	1	Intermediate Maths Challenge (Years 9 and 10)
Friday	2	Year 10 Cambridge University trip
Friday	2	NSPCC Number Day
Monday – Friday	5 – 9	Reading Week
Monday and Tuesday	5 & 6	Year 7 Lewes Castle Trip
Wednesday	7	<b>18:00</b> 'Success in Year 11 Evening (2)' for all of year 11
Thursday	8	Aesthetics Show
Thursday	8	Deadline for return of Year 9 Options Forms
Thursday and Friday	8 & 9	Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition Practical Exam
<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>12 – 16</b>	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
Monday	19	<b>Term begins for staff and students at normal time</b>
Monday – Friday	19 – 23	Year 11 Trial Exams (2)
Monday	26	Year 11 Geography Field Trip
Tuesday	27	Lego Mindstorms Competition
Wednesday	28	Year 7 Maths Puzzle Morning


### 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

**WANTED**  
Does anyone have any PE kit suitable for a Y7 boy?

**AVAILABLE**  
Lots and lots of boys school trousers...most sizes available and just £3 a pair or two pairs for £5

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

Look out for the second hand uniform stall at the Christmas fair

## Contact Information

<b>Nature of contact</b>	<b>Who to contact</b>	<b>Method(s) of contact</b>
Absence	Attendance Officer – Mrs E Streeter	Each day of absence message on answerphone – option 1 Email: <a href="mailto:absence@chaileyschool.org">absence@chaileyschool.org</a>
Examinations, Tests and Coursework	Exam Administration Officer and Data Administrator – Mrs J Adams	Email: <a href="mailto:jadams@chaileyschool.org">jadams@chaileyschool.org</a> Telephone Extension: 203
SEN issues	Miss L Thompson (SENCO)	Email: <a href="mailto:lthompson@chaileyschool.org">lthompson@chaileyschool.org</a> Telephone extension: 266
Concerns about progress/homework	Subject teacher	Email or note in student planner
Set changes Concern about subject issues	Faculty Team Leaders: <i>Ms E Fenn (English)</i> <i>Mr I Hopwood (Maths)</i> <i>Mrs V Chalcraft (Science)</i> <i>Ms F Morrow (MFL)</i> <i>Miss R Sinclair (Humanities)</i> <i>Mr J Deacon (Arts &amp; Tech)</i> <i>Miss J Maynard (PE/PSHE)</i>	Email or Telephone (ext. nos. as shown) 239 242 226 251 257 233 229
Tutor group issues Concerns at home or about student in school Uniform Bullying	Form Tutor – however if it is urgent and the form tutor is not available, please contact the appropriate Student Support Manager: <i>Mrs Hickman (Year 7)</i> <i>Mrs Hutchinson (Years 8 &amp; 9)</i> <i>Mrs Kinderman (Years 10 &amp; 11)</i>	Note in student planner; email or Telephone (extension. nos. as shown)  252 265 212
More serious concerns re. progress or of a pastoral nature	Key Stage Directors: <i>Mr Harris (Key Stage 3)</i> <i>Mr Austin (Key Stage 4)</i>	Email or telephone (extension nos. as shown) 240 235
To contact Senior Leadership Team	Mrs A Hilton, Headteacher's PA	Email: <a href="mailto:ahilton@chaileyschool.org">ahilton@chaileyschool.org</a> Telephone extension: 204
Finance Department	Mrs J Slade, Business Manager	Email: <a href="mailto:jslade@chaileyschool.org">jslade@chaileyschool.org</a> Telephone extension: 207

Staff email addresses can be obtained from the school website under Contact us/Staff  
(Click on staff members' name for link to direct email address)