

Chapel-en-le-Frith High School

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

One of the very few negative aspects of this wonderful job is that it has slightly changed my view of snow. The excitement of seeing heavy snow falling outside the window late at night has lost its edge in the face of early mornings speaking to bus operators and staring at obscure webcams of Derbyshire roads. I'm pleased that over the last couple of weeks that the weather hasn't caused too much disruption, and I have to say that the view of snow covered hills around Combs turning pink in the sunrise on Monday did more than compensate for one early start. I still maintain that we have some of the best views of any English secondary school!

Just as the snow set in our year 11 students completed an arduous fortnight of mock exams. This is the first year group nationally to take most of their GCSEs in the new, reformed, examinations and, whilst we do not yet know the results, I would like to compliment the year group on the serious and sensible way in which they approached the exams. The experience of working under pressure during a long period of exams will no doubt prove invaluable in the summer's GCSEs. Mock examination results will be distributed on January 10th 2018. Away from the academic side of school it was lovely to see so many students performing, and such a large congregation at our carol service last week, this is an event that has really developed over the years and the range of music and readings and the talent of the young people involved was wonderful to see.

Finally, can I remind you that our new attendance policy comes into force on January 1st 2018. We have for some years been unable to authorise term time holiday in most cases, but from January we will come into line with other Derbyshire schools and fixed penalty fines are likely to be issued for unauthorised holiday. Please do not fall foul of the system.

Thank you for your support this year, have a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes,

Simon Grieves
Headteacher

**Students return to school
on Wednesday 3rd
January at 8.40am**

**Please remember we
return on a RED week**

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 3 rd January	Students return to school 8.40am
Wednesday 10 th January	Yr 11 mock results day
Wednesday 17 th January	Learning for Life day
Tuesday 23 rd January	Yr 9 options evening 6.30pm
Thursday 25 th January	Yr 9 parents' evening 4.30pm
Wednesday 31 st January	Yr8 Wastewatchers
February 1 st February	Yr 11 Explore Law
Tuesday 6 th February	Intermediate Maths Challenge
Wednesday 7 th February	Yr7 parents' evening 4.30pm
Friday 16 th February	GCSE Music Showcase
Monday 26 th February	Break for half term 3.05pm
Wednesday 28 th February	Yr9 option form deadline
Saturday 3 rd – Saturday 10 th March	Students return to school 8.40am
Sunday 4 th - Wednesday 7 th March	Yr 11 poetry workshop
Thursday 8 th March	Yr10 parents' evening 4.30pm
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th March	Ski Trip
Tuesday 13 th March	Poland trip
Wednesday 14 th March	Yr 11 theatre trip
Wednesday 14 th & Thursday 15 th March	Yr10 LS residential
Thursday 15 th March	Yr 7, 8 and 9 MICCI
Friday 16 th March	Learning for Life day
Tuesday 20 th - Thursday 22 nd March	Yr 11 Hardwick Hall trip
Friday 23 rd March	Yr10 parents' information evening 6.30pm
	Yr7 Big Bang trip
	School production – Buggy Malone
	Finish for Easter – 2pm

Internal and External Exams

Wednesday 10 th January	Mock results day
Tuesday 16 th and Wednesday 17 th January	Yr 11 PE NEA
Thursday 25 th January	Yr 11 Mock French Speaking all day
Friday 26 th January	Yr 11 Mock German Speaking all day
Tuesday 30 th and Wednesday 31 st January	Yr 11 PE NEA
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th February	Yr 11 Food & Nutrition NEA2
Monday 26 th – Wednesday 28 th February	Year 11 Music exam
Thursday 22 nd March	Yr 11.02 3D Art exam

Student successes

Kids Lit Quiz 2017

This year we entered our first ever team to take part in the international annual literature competition, The Kids Lit Quiz, which was hosted by Lady Manners School, Bakewell. Hugh Rawes, Jaz Wibberely-Jack, Ben Wherry and George South represented our school and enjoyed a competitive afternoon taking part in the quiz against 23 teams from schools in the area. Unfortunately we didn't make it through to the national rounds to be held in London later this year (there's always next year!). However, the students really enjoyed the afternoon putting their knowledge to the test, meeting author Sarah Mussi (author of The Snowdonia Chronicles) and eating lots of cake! Well done!

ST4G perfume day

On Wednesday 15th November Miss Alderson and Miss Blackwell ran a Perfume Day for 24 year 9 girls. The girls had a fantastic day learning about how chemicals are used in cosmetics, testing the different essential oils and deciding their favourite combinations, then making a small batch of their perfume. In the afternoon the girls created a TV advert to promote their perfume for Christmas. The perfumes were judged on their smell, how well the girls worked as a team, their advert and the quality of the packaging. The competition was judged by Mrs Wragg and the winning team consisted of Maisie Jackson, Natasha Awan and Lara Day with their perfume Winter 'Mist.'

Term 1 Accelerated Reader Prizes

Congratulations and well done to the following students who have been awarded prizes for their outstanding effort in Accelerated Reading lessons:

Year 7: David Hopwood, Madison Naden and Lydia Powell

Year 8: Izaak Coverley, Ruby Light and Bradley Randles

Year 9: Jack Eperson, Emma Kerkhoff and Matthew Lynam

Year 10: Mollie Norris

Year 11: George Dibley

Student Librarians

Congratulations to the students below who have been successful in their application to become student librarians:

Harvey Mellor, Chloe Harrison, Amy Hazlehurst, Jack Bancroft, Sam Shaw, Joseph Boothman, Demi Wood, and Finn Wallace.

Important information

High Peak Buses 69A

Gamesley– Glossop - Chapel High School

After reviewing passenger numbers on the 69A, High Peak Buses have decided to withdraw the service after the February 2018 half term holidays, with the last day of operation being Friday 16th February 2018. They have told us it is no longer sustainable to operate this service with the current number of passengers using the service.

The 69B services will continue to operate with some minor changes to the service number, and once a revised timetable has been agreed we will put an updated version of the timetable on the school website . The majority of students on the 69A will be able to use the 69B service, except those travelling from Gamesley.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused as a result of this change.

A message for all parents of year 7 students

Attached to this newsletter is an A6 - 8 page booklet. Produced by students, this booklet is designed to give you information, which will help keep you and your family safe online. Please study the booklet carefully as your son / daughter will be quizzing you on your awareness of the issues and testing your understanding with an interactive quiz.

Year 7 parents' evening

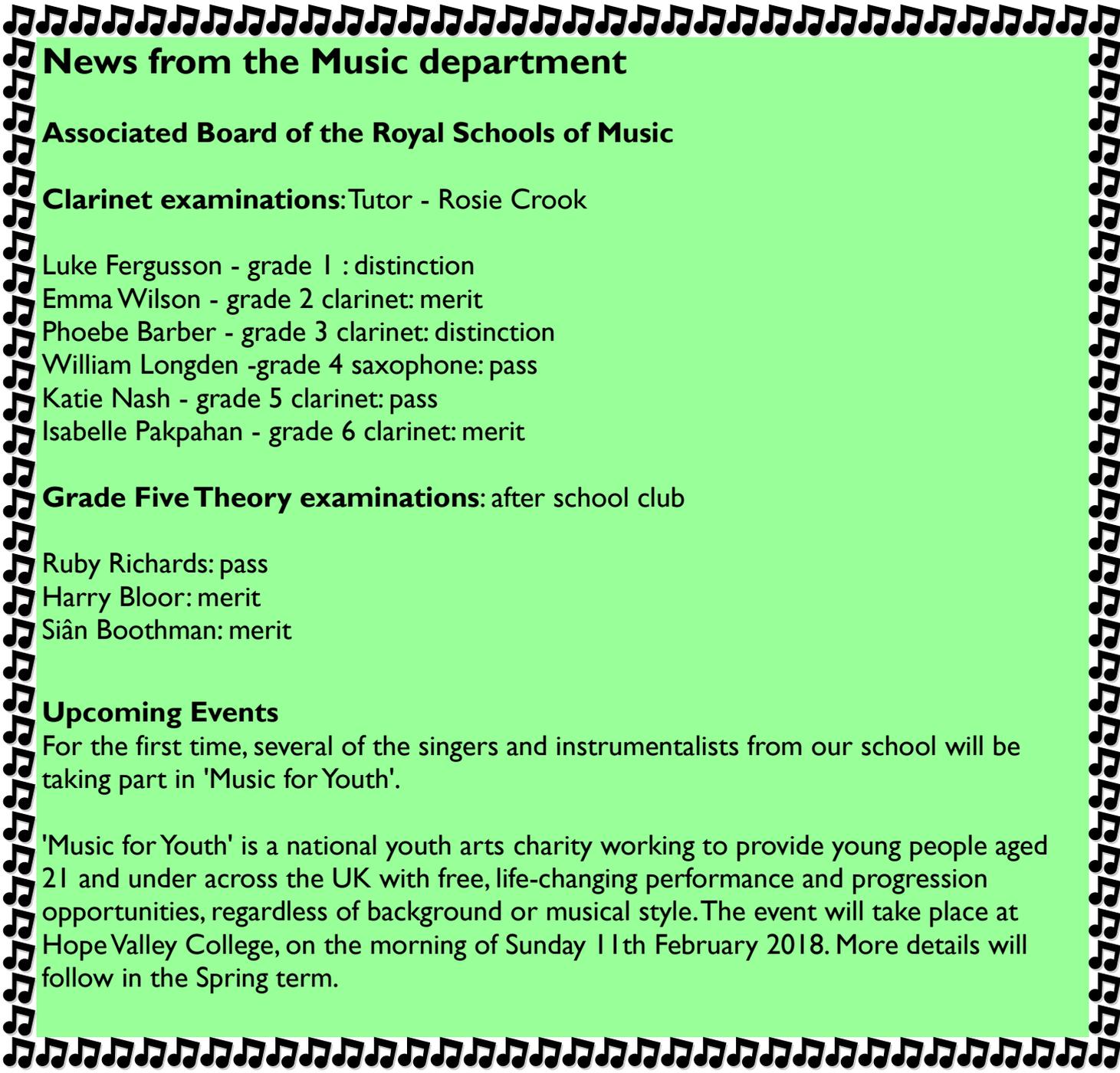
You will be aware that due to poor weather we postponed the year 7 parents' evening and this will now take place on **Tuesday 6th February** from 4.30pm. Students will need to remake appointments and will be reissued with new cards in January.

Year 9 options evening—Wednesday 17th January

The evening will start at 6.30pm with Mr Grieves giving a talk in the hall. You will receive a letter in the new year and options booklets will be issued on the 17th January. The deadline for the return of options forms is Friday 16th February.

Year 11

Year 11 have had a recent presentation from NCS (National Citizen Service) about the summer residential programme they are offering this year.. For further details please see: askncs@igeus.co.uk and the letter on our website.



News from the Music department

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Clarinet examinations: Tutor - Rosie Crook

Luke Fergusson - grade 1 : distinction
Emma Wilson - grade 2 clarinet: merit
Phoebe Barber - grade 3 clarinet: distinction
William Longden - grade 4 saxophone: pass
Katie Nash - grade 5 clarinet: pass
Isabelle Pakpahan - grade 6 clarinet: merit

Grade Five Theory examinations: after school club

Ruby Richards: pass
Harry Bloor: merit
Siân Boothman: merit

Upcoming Events

For the first time, several of the singers and instrumentalists from our school will be taking part in 'Music for Youth'.

'Music for Youth' is a national youth arts charity working to provide young people aged 21 and under across the UK with free, life-changing performance and progression opportunities, regardless of background or musical style. The event will take place at Hope Valley College, on the morning of Sunday 11th February 2018. More details will follow in the Spring term.

Clubs and Activities Spring Term 2018

An updated list of extra-curricular activities can be found on the website
<http://www.chapelhigh.org.uk/activities.html>

Science trips

Just before the October half term a group of 6 year 8 students took part in the Faraday Challenge at Buxton Community School. They competed against other schools to be entered into further stages of the competition. Although we did not win, a fantastic time was had by all involved and the students came up with some fantastic ideas for a rollercoaster!

This half term 24 year 10 students travelled to Warwick University. There they watched talks by some well-known scientists, including Robert Winston, on a variety of interesting topics; from the exploration of space to the study of embryo development. All enjoyed a wonderful day!

Scientists of the Half-Term

Well done to the winners:

Ethan Schofield (Y7)

Harry Bradley (Y8)

Sam Gagen-Hill (Y9)



Highly Commended:

Libby Dawson, Dylan Moore, Helena-Rose Bradbury, Rory Webb, Rosie Murdoch, Abigail Young, Ella Cadman and Kate Lomas.

Learning for Life Day 17 January 2018

The normal timetable will be suspended and students will take part in our second Learning for Life Day.

The topics for the day are:

Year 7: Bullying, Modern Families, Body Beautiful, Puberty and Online Safety

Year 8: Introduction to careers, Personal finance, Coping with change, Democracy and Government

Year 9: Sex and Relationships education - Brook Advisory Service, Alcohol, Careers session and options

Year 10: Human rights, ethical issues around identity; sexuality, abortion, euthanasia

Year 11: World of work, finance, time management, future challenges - homelessness, gambling, addiction, seeking support in the adult world, National Citizenship Service session.

As ever, some students may find aspects of the day challenging. Please do contact your child's Pastoral Leader early in the new year if you feel this may be the case.

Sports News

As ever, this half term of sport has been somewhat affected by the snowy weather. However, we have still had lots of success to report. Congratulations to the following:

Pride of place goes to our marvellous year 9/10 boys cross country team who won the Midlands final and then finished an impressive 16th in the national finals in Kent. What a great weekend we had at this event after surviving the long journey south. While the Peak district enjoyed the snow we had sunshine! The boys enjoyed the challenging course around the beautiful grounds of Sevenoaks School and led home by Sam Soles, they all ran well to achieve such a high finishing position. We also managed to fit in some competitive ten pin bowling and enjoyed excellent food and hospitality at the hotel; in fact the "eat as much breakfast as you can" contest was one we probably won too!

Back to local competition, we have 19 runners who qualified from the High Peak area trials at New Mills School in the mud and rain last week; well done to all on a long and very difficult course.

We have our first Derbyshire table tennis team title! Well done to the year 8 boys, ably led by Sam Cooper, for an excellent victory at Chesterfield. They now go on to the regional finals in Bradford in January.

The futsal season is underway and the year 7 team won the area championships and finished a fine 5th at the Derbyshire county final; well done boys! The year 9 and year 11 teams both finished runners up and narrowly missed the county finals.

On the badminton front we were proud to see our first county selections for many years and congratulations to Aneirin Ankrett and Alex Barton. We hope to be successful when the area and county competitions start in the New Year.

The outstanding year 10 students were interviewed this month to choose our two new sports ambassadors. We say thank you to Henry de Pee and Katie Vann who have been super representatives of our school and we congratulate Wilf Riley and Lucy Hawtin who are our new ambassadors. Good luck to them both and well done to all those who applied.

We congratulate the year 10 students who were selected for the Duke of Edinburgh scheme; this will start in earnest in the New Year.

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