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Dear Parents

The first half term of the school year is always busy and looking back it is hard to believe what has been packed into the last 7 weeks. We've welcomed Danish students and their teachers into our school, we've run busy open days and a very well attended open evening as we recruit our new year 6 students and we've seen some significant regional and national sporting success in both fell running and cross country.

Our first Learning for Life day of the new school year was well received by students and the last two weeks have seen major events relating to careers and employability including our first ever Careers Fair, an event that prompted some lovely feedback about our students from the many

companies who attended.

All of this activity supports our aim to put our students in the best possible position when they leave school to be happy and successful in an increasingly complex world.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Simon Grieves
Headteacher

**School re-opens
to students
on
Tuesday
1st November**

Staffing News

At the end of last week Ms. Yates in English left us to start her maternity leave. We wish her all the best for the coming months.

Mrs. Wilcock our Librarian is leaving us at the end of this half term to take up a post at Kings School. We wish her all the best in her new role.

Since the start of term we have welcomed Mrs Butson to the English Department, Mrs. Smith as Learning Supervisor, Mr Kawalek as Teaching Assistant, Miss Silver to MFL and Miss Vernon to Science.

Dates for your diary

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| Monday 31 st October | Inset Day – no students in school All students back in school 8.40am YR7, 8 and 9 Parents Information Evening 6.30pm YR7 Moonwatch Presentation Evening 6.30pm—YR11 leavers 2015—2016 Remembrance Assemblies YR11 Parents' Evening 4.30—7.30pm Christmas Shopping Evening - 6.30pm Children in Need – Own Clothes Day YR11 Skills Show at Birmingham NEC Music Showcase YR10 Science in Action Trip YR10 Drama Showcase 6.00pm Carol Concert—St.Thomas Beckett Church 7pm Book Fair End of term 2.05pm All students back in school 8.40am |
| Tuesday 1 st November | |
| Thursday 3 rd November | |
| Tuesday 8 th November | |
| Thursday 10 th November | |
| Friday 11 th November | |
| Tuesday 15 th November | |
| Thursday 17 th November | |
| Friday 18 th November | |
| Wednesday 23 rd November | |
| Friday 25 th November | |
| Wednesday 30 th November | |
| Wednesday 7 th December | |
| Friday 9 th December | |
| Friday 16 th December | |
| Tuesday 3 rd January 2017 | |

EXAMS

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| Tuesday 1 st November – Friday 11 th November | YR9 Exams |
| Monday 14 th November Wednesday 16 th November | Yr11 Add Science ISA - Pop A Yr11 Add Science ISA - Pop B |
| Monday 21 st November Tuesday 22 nd November Wednesday 23 rd November | YR11 Triple Science ISA Resit – Biology YR11 Triple Science ISA Resit – Chemistry YR11 Triple Science ISA Resit - Physics |
| Monday 28 th November – Tuesday 13 th December | YR11 Mock Exams |

Upcoming Events

Chapel-en-le-Frith High School - Moonwatch night Tuesday 8th November 2016



On Tuesday 8th November GCSE Astronomy students from Year 9, 10 and 11 will be taking part in the annual Schools Moonwatch night.

We would also like to extend this invite to students and parents from our local primary schools and students and their parents from years 7 and 8 who maybe thinking of studying GCSE Astronomy in the future.

Weather permitting, the event will run from 5pm until 7pm and will provide both students and parents the opportunity to view the moon with its mountains and craters, and Jupiter though a telescope. We will have a variety of telescopes set up and staff and astronomy students will be on-hand to tell you more about what you can see, including the craters, mountains and lunar landing sites.

M Jones

Christmas Shopping Night

This popular event will be held in school on

Thursday 17th November from 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

Tickets are available on the door, priced £2 for adults (children free)
to include festive refreshments.

There will be many stalls offering a wide range of high quality arts, crafts and gifts.
(Cash or cheque payment is preferred by most stallholders.)

This is a lovely sociable event for the school and local community and each year raises a lot of money for cancer charities in the area and for resources to help enhance the education of our children.

Please support the evening and tell all your family and friends about it- we look forward to seeing you there! Many thanks in anticipation, Mrs Johnson (Event Coordinator)

Stall Holders: If you are interested in having a stall, please contact the school office for further details: **01298 813118**

Upcoming Events

Children in Need 2016

On the 18th of November we will be supporting the Children In Need appeal. Students are invited to come in their own clothes or in fancy dress on a theme of "Chapel at the movies". At lunchtime, there will be a fair in the hall where there will be a variety of games and stalls, including cakes - so bring your money.

We have supported Children In Need for a number of years now and are proud to say that last year we were one of the top 200 schools across the United Kingdom for fundraising - something that we would love to continue. We will also be having a sweet and chocolate tombola on that day and would welcome any donations for this or the cake stall.

Thank you for your continued support.



YR11 SKILLS SHOW

The Skills Show is the U.K.'s largest careers and skills event, held at the N.E.C. in Birmingham. Once again we are arranging a trip for Year 11 to attend the event on Friday 18th November. Letters will be going out after half term and we will talk to the students about it during assembly, but if you would like to find out more in the meantime, have a look at their website, worldskillsuk.org/the-skills-show.

YEAR 10 Drama Showcase

The Year 10 GCSE Drama students will perform 2 short performances on Wednesday 30th November 6-7pm

Act 1 - Charlie & Bram - Chris Rowsley

Act 2 - A human write - Amy Sutton

Sports News

We have been blessed with a half term of lovely weather and as I write this, not one outdoor lesson has been missed due to rain, sleet or snow! Instead the sunshine has resulted in a huge numbers of students at clubs and a string of successes at local, county and national level.

Two highlights stand out so I will mention them first, but the real delight is seeing so many students playing and loving a range of sports and activities during the lunch hour, after school and at the weekends.

The stars of this half term have been the runners; both over the cross country mud, and the hills of the Lake District. We took part, for the second time, in the English Schools Fell running championships, a "steep" first competition for the athletes! We were very proud of the young team of ten who finished 14th overall in the country. However pride of place goes to our super year 10/11 boys who came third in their age group. On a tough course, Jacob Winfield, Dan Soles and Sam Johnson showed great character in slippery conditions to all place in the top thirty to gain an overall podium place.



Two weeks later, half of this fell running team was off to Sheffield for the county heat of the English Schools Cup competition where this time the year 9/10 boys won; our first ever victory at this level. The team, led by Sam Soles in 2nd place, will now go on to Leeds for the Regional round and attempt to claim some more scalps. What is unique about this team is five out of the six of them are only year 9....so roll on next year too! Not to be out done the other teams performed with credit to place 7th and 9th in the junior races and I am sure these youngsters will be inspired by our older athletes.



Last year was an excellent year for so many school teams with an array of High Peak sporting titles. We were thrilled last week to find out from the publication of the Derbyshire School Sports Association Championship Table for secondary schools that we were second ranked in Derbyshire for county level competition. The championship aggregates results across a wide range of sports and to be in second place is a fantastic achievement. It reflects both the achievements of our pupils and the support of my ever growing P.E. team who support the students by providing a wide range of clubs and competitions.



In netball, fixtures have been played successfully against St Thomas More and Hope Valley More games will follow soon after half term.

Football has been equally successful with the under 16 boys have a clear victory in their first round game in the county cup and local matches have been played against New Mills, Buxton and St Philip Howard. **E Milne, CLM PE**

Other News

SCIENTIST OF THE HALF TERM

Students are awarded every half term for good work,
good progress and performance throughout years 7—9

Finnlay Blanchon (Y7)

James Wareham (Y8)

Jackson Smith (Y9)

Highly commended—Lottie Barton, Libby O'Donnell, Jamie Kirk, Dylan Michaels, Evie Percival, Jodie Bennett, Kelly Wild, Leah Stenson, Jess Howarth, Sam Ashton, Daniel Greenwood, Ella Stewart, James Ashenden, Eve Podmore.

Well done to everyone!

Chapel-en-le-Frith Food Bank Collection

A small group of Y10 students will be running a 'food bank drive' as part of a scheme of work they are studying. We have been reading 'An Inspector Calls' and thinking about the key themes of social responsibility and helping others in our English lessons. The students have been working hard to produce leaflets and posters to go up around the school with the aim of collecting food for the local High Peak Food bank to help those in need in their communities.

Students can bring in food items between the 7th - 11th November to English 4 at the start of the day, during registration and break time. All details of which food can be brought in and what else the food bank does to help is included in the leaflets and posters.

Safe Surfer—Year 7 Project

Attached to this newsletter is an A6 - 8 page booklet. Produced by pupils 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.

Notices

News from the Music Department

Students in our Training Choir, Senior Choir, Concert Band and in varied ensembles are very busy preparing for a number of upcoming performances.

Our assemblies to commemorate **Remembrance Day** will feature thought provoking songs and instrumental extracts to complement the theme. On November 23rd we then have the **GCSE Showcase**, when students from years 10 and 11 will perform solos and ensembles as part of their GCSE coursework. Finally, our annual **Carol Service** takes place on December 7th in St Thomas Becket Church at 7.00pm. This promises to be an evening of celebratory sacred and secular music in a variety of genres and includes students from year 7 to 11. All parents and friends of the school will be most welcome to attend.

Duke of Edinburgh Award – 2016

The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award will be launched with Year 10 after the half term holiday. There will be opportunities for students to find out more about the award at two lunch time meetings. These will be held on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd November at 12.30pm in MFL1.

The award consists of four sections: Volunteering, Skills, Physical Activity and the Expedition. The first three sections are undertaken independently by each pupil and the expedition is completed as part of a team.

Those pupils who are interested in participating in the award will complete a letter of application expressing their interest and must be supported by a parent and their tutor. Each year we have a large number of pupils who would like to participate but we are unable to accommodate very large numbers so it is unfortunate that not all pupils will be offered a place.

Please do not hesitate to contact school should you have any questions about the award. The application forms are to be completed in full and returned to Miss Heath or Pupil Reception no later than 4.00pm on Friday 11th November 2016

Extra Curricular Activities

The new extra curricular activities for the half term to Christmas is now available on the website. Please can remind all parents that Lesson 6 is available every night Monday to Thursday 3.05-4.15pm in ICT3 to all students who need support with study, revision or homework.

