

News from school...

We have had a very positive start to the school term, with school trips playing a significant part. We had fantastic feedback from students, parents and staff of our brilliant sports tour to Holland. In a change to my normal school routine, I enjoyed two great days in London with a group of our year 10 GCSE English students, watching Much Ado about Nothing at the Globe Theatre, enjoying a walking tour of the city, and learning about Shakespearean life and theatre. Last week a group of our German students enjoyed a scorching week touring the cultural sights of Berlin, and finally this week we've got a group from learning support visiting a fabulous outdoor centre in the Yorkshire Dales. Our students have behaved impeccably on all of these trips and it is great to be able to give them these experiences.

We're looking forward to...

GCSE exams start today, we have been very impressed by the way year 11 have worked in the run up to the exams and would like to thank you for your continued support and encouragement. We do have some additional support available if your child is struggling with the stress of the exams, please contact Mrs Dunn, Assistant Headteacher for further information sdunn@chapelhigh.org.uk

Making school work...

Working together to improve school attendance remains one of our top priorities. Although our attendance is better than the national average, it remains well below where it was pre-pandemic. Every day of education counts, please do what you can to support good attendance at school.

As per our attendance policy, we require parents to contact the school before 8.30am for every day of absence, even for ongoing illness, this way appropriate support can be directed for your child. We have a dedicated school absence email: attendance@chapelhigh.org.uk or you can ring the school on 01298 813118 and leave us an answerphone message.

Dates for your diary...

- Thursday 9th May GCSE written exams begin
- Friday 24th May School closes for the half-term holiday
- Monday 3rd June School reopens

You can find information about our Clubs and Activities on our website:

www.chapelhigh.org.uk/activities.html

Jobs in school

Finally, we are currently advertising two vacancies in school, Senior Design Technology Technician and School Librarian, if you are interested in these posts, or know someone else who may be interested, the details are [here](#).

Best wishes,

**Simon Grieves,
Headteacher**