

**News from school...**

This week we have said goodbye to our class of 2024 year 11 students. They have worked incredibly hard all year and have shown a very positive attitude to their GCSEs and we hope to see a fantastic set of results in August. We have also started our year 6 transition events and we've been really impressed that over 150 of our 185 new year 7 students have begun to experience life at Chapel High.

Meanwhile this week, across the channel, a group of 39 of our students and staff have been enjoying the cultural delights of Paris on yet another of our school trips.

**We're looking forward to...**

Post 16 events start in school for our year 10 students next week. These include visits to various colleges and a careers fair in school where we will host over 30 local and national employers. A post 16 information evening for parents of the current year 10 is scheduled for **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**.

**Making school work...**

You may be aware that the government has made some changes to the law on school attendance. These include a standard national process for deciding whether to fine parents who take unauthorised term-time holiday, and a tougher approach to dealing with parents whose children do not attend school regularly whether because of term-time holiday or other absences. We have been asked to circulate the attached letter from Derbyshire County Council about these changes. I should stress that these changes are from government, not from the school, but this is the approach that the council will now apply.

We see first-hand the impact that missing school has on students' achievement and we want to support you in ensure that your child attends regularly. Please contact your child's pastoral leader if we can support you in any way.

**Dates for your diary...**

- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June                      Year 10 Sponsored walk
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June                Year 10 Marple college visit
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June                    Year 10 Stockport college visit
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June                Post 16 events in school
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June                    Post 16 events in school
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July                        Year 10 Macclesfield college trip
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July                        Year 6 transition day
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July                       Sports day
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July                         Year 10 Aquinas visit
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July                        Year 10 Geography Tideswell trip
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July                Year 10 Geography Tideswell trip
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July                    Year 10 Geography Tideswell trip
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July                        School closes at 2pm for the summer holiday

Information about Clubs and Activities is on our website: [www.chapelhigh.org.uk/activities.html](http://www.chapelhigh.org.uk/activities.html)

Best wishes,

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