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Dear Parents and Carers,

Academy Information & Dates for the Diary

Parking at the front of the Academy

Can I remind parents not to park in front of or adjacent to the Academy whilst waiting for students at the end of the day. Our zig-zag lines are a clear indicator that parents and carers should not wait for, drop off or collect children during the academy start and finish times. To avoid being issued with a penalty charge notice at the start or the end of the day, please use our neighbouring side streets if you are waiting to collect children from The Chalk Hills Academy. Many thanks to those families who have taken this advice on board. Our local neighbourhood Police teams as well as Academy personnel will be asking those parents who are parked illegally to politely move on in order to avoid a fine.

Chalk Hills Students are 'Brilliant'!

Saturday 23rd September saw the graduation of five Chalk Hills Students at King's College London. Last year we joined 'The Brilliant Club' an award winning charity which works with schools by recruiting and training research PhD students to work in state schools. Our academy has been part of the 'Scholar's Programme' which encourages students to develop the knowledge skills and ambition needed to progress to highly selective universities. Through in-school tutorials and university trips, five of our students undertook a university style Science project. Our students work was marked according to strict university criteria and all five of our students graduated with either a 2:1 or first class assignment honours. Congratulations to **Esli Ackah, Sana Ali, Sophia Basra, Raya Cali, Joshua Catlin, Ayesha Choudry, Sumayya Khalif, Saric Lewington, Miguel Lim, Mostafa Nishorgo, Rohema Rahman and Nathan Tailor.**

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29th September

This Friday will see us celebrating with a coffee and a cake for Macmillan Cancer Support. We are hosting a coffee morning for parents and carers at the academy, between 10.30am and 1.30pm. I will be showing my support for this worthwhile charity. If you would like to pop into the academy and join us I will be available between 12.30pm and 1.30pm. The coffee morning will take place in the boardroom, it is always nice to meet with parents and please come ready to make a donation!

Open Evening Early Closure & Late Start

Our academy Open Evening for new parents and students currently in Year 6 takes place on **Thursday 5th October**. Please be advised the academy will close at **2:15pm** on this date and students will be dismissed during this time. Unless students are involved in supporting Open Evening (permission slips will be sent out to parents and carers of those involved) students should return to the academy on **Friday 6th October at 10am**. This enables staff to ensure classrooms and teaching spaces are tidied and back to normal following the late evening event. Lessons will resume as normal from period 2 on this date.

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Year 10 Achievement Evening

We are hosting our Year 10 Achievement Evening this Thursday 28th September from 6:00pm to 7.30pm, with our keynote presentation at 6.30pm prompt in the main hall. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain an insight into the new challenging specifications and reformed 9-1 grading system that your child is currently studying. On the evening we will also be sharing revision Top Tips and ways in which you can best support your child at home. We will also explore the opportunities available for your child in regards to their Work Experience placement at the end of Year 10. In addition, members of staff from subject areas and the Senior Leadership Team, will be around on the evening to answer your questions. We will also have representation from our Head of Sixth Form including current sixth formers to discuss further education opportunities post 16.

Compulsory Period 6 (Years 9, 10 and 11)

Due to the new demanding specifications at GCSE your child will have a compulsory period 6 lesson in English or science on their timetable, this will run from 3.00pm – 4.00pm so beyond the normal timings of the school day. This only applies to students in the current pathways: Year 9 A/B-band, Year 10 A-band, Year 11 A/B/C/D band. The addition of this extra period will help us to ensure that your child is fully prepared for their GCSE Exams and reduce the need for last minute intervention, which can be stressful for students in their final year. Please note that any timetabled period 6 lesson should be treated as part of the timetable, therefore it is compulsory and should take priority over any enhancement or after school activity.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise Lee', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Louise Lee
Principal