

Tuesday 20th September 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back Year 9

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and your children are looking forward to 2022 to 2023 at Chatham Grammar. I would like to congratulate all our Years 11 and 13 students on their brilliant results in the first summer examination season since 2019, they all did themselves, us and their families proud. It has been fantastic to welcome Year 9 back to Chatham Grammar over the last week and they have made a fantastic start to the academic year. The content of this letter will provide you with some additional information regarding this term.

Personal Tutor (PT) Groups

As well as belonging to a House, each student belongs to a Personal Tutor group. The teacher who is responsible for the PT is your first point of contact if you have any information, concerns or questions. The PT list and contact emails for these members of staff are below.

PT Group	Teacher	Email
PT1	Mrs Ellis/Mrs Manivannan	ellis@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk manivannan@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT2	Ms Cupid	cupid@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT3	Mr Ware	ware@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT4	Mr Holden	holden@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT5	Mr Holmes/Mrs Mabb	holmes@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk mabb@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT6	Ms Lee	lee@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT7	Mr Lyons	lyons@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk
PT8	Ms Charles	charles@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

Homework timetable

Homework supports and extends learning in the classroom. Your child will receive their homework according to the timetable below and each piece should take approximately 35 minutes.

9j1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths Leadership History	English	IT Art	Geography Ethics MFL	Science DT

9j2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	Leadership English	IT Art	DT MFL History	Geography Science Ethics

9j3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths History	IT English	Ethics DT	Geography Leadership MFL	Science Art

9k1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Leadership DT History	MFL Geography	IT English	Maths Ethics	Science Art

9k2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Art History	Leadership MFL Geography	DT Ethics English	Maths	IT Science

Dance, Drama and Music are set in line with their termly carousel

Term 1 Events

We have our open events towards the end of this term when we welcome prospective families to visit. Therefore, we will be closing at 12 noon on Thursday 13th October and have an INSET day on Friday 14th October. The following week will also see us host many families for live tours.

The Library

The library has been utilising its new online cataloguing system for the past couple of terms. This fabulous new system allows students to search online for books in our catalogue, reserve, review and create their own reading lists. Parents/carers are also able to peruse our stock. Ongoing work will allow the library to fully support the students' curriculum with extra reading, revision guides and contextual resources. Over the year the library will be hosting four clubs: Creative Writing Club; Digital Art Club; Strictly Come Reading; and the Harry Potter Reading Club.

Policy changes

As we move into a new academic year, we have reflected on our rewards and behaviour policies and have introduced some initial changes and reminders to all students. All students had an assembly on Monday to ensure they were clear on the changes. The

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assembly explored a range of areas including a new leadership rewards scheme, detention system, a reminder of our mobile phone expectations and sanctions and a review of our Academy Code of Conduct.

As we progress through Term 1 and we finalise and embed our amendments, we will adjust our Behaviour Policy to reflect these changes. This will be shared with parents and carers for your reference.

Nut Free Academy

Just a reminder that we are a nut free site. We have a number of students who are severely allergic to nuts, so please ensure any snacks are nut free, also if you have handled any nuts, please ensure you wash your hands before entering the academy site.

Buses

Please be advised that there may be further industrial action by some bus companies in the coming weeks and months. We are already aware that Arriva are proposing further action on 30th September. Please keep an eye on your transport providers and ensure you have put alternative plans in place to enable your child to attend can the academy.

Attendance

I also wanted to include a brief reminder regarding attendance. I am sure you can appreciate why we need to be updated swiftly if there are changes in the health of your child. Should your child be absent for any reason, please contact the academy by 8.30am for each day of absence. You can call the main academy number 01634 851262, selecting option 1 for attendance or email:

officecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

or

attendancecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk

Please give a brief explanation for the reason for absence, keeping the academy updated with any changes. Should we need to discuss this further, you may be contacted by the attendance team.

Yours sincerely,



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Assistant Principal
Academic Lead for Year 9

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