

Welcome to our first Sixth Form Newsletter of 2017, we are delighted to bring you all the latest news taking place within our Sixth Form.

To begin we would like to introduce you to three of our Year 12's who have taken the time to write about their experience at Chislehurst Sixth Form.



I am Aisha Mayhew and I am currently in Year 12 studying Sociology, Psychology and Photography. I chose these subjects as it relates to what I wish to study at University (Clinical Psychology) as well as my future career which is to become a child psychologist and help children who need help with understanding their emotions. As well as the subject choices that the sixth form provide us with, there are also a range of enrichment activities which we can add to university applications, for example; I have helped with our annual Christmas pantomime and have joined the Pixel Edge course.

My name is Chloe McEwen and I'm in Year 12 and I study Level 3 Applied Science, English Language and Media Studies. I chose these subjects as they would open a range of opportunities for me in the future. I thoroughly enjoy all of my subjects and I'm thankful for the support I receive at Sixth Form Level. I also like the opportunities that Enrichment gives us as we are offered a range of activities that we would like to take part in.



I am Hannah Lovett and I am currently in year 12. The subjects that I am studying are Psychology, Maths and Economics and I plan to study Maths and Psychology at university. I still don't know what career path I want to take but hopefully with the work experience I'm taking part in at the end of July this will give me a better idea as to which career path I would like to take. As a Sixth Form we have recently been on a University Fair trip to the Emirates Stadium which has fully informed me about open days for Universities. This has made me feel more prepared for next year. Choosing subjects that you enjoy for A-level will make your time learning them a lot easier.



University Update...

We are delighted that over sixty of our Year 13's have applied to University this year. To date they have received offers from a variety of Universities including many Russell Groups and Oxbridge. Well done, Year 13!

Trips

Chislehurst Sixth Form offers many opportunities for students to take part in lots of exciting trips throughout the year:

Brighton

At the end of each school year, as a Sixth Form we take our annual trip to Brighton where we spend the day. This trip is open for current Year 12 students and our new Year 12, who will be joining us in the summer. Throughout the day you can go and explore 'The Lanes', walk down the famous Brighton pier and if brave enough take a ride on the roller-coasters! This is always a very enjoyable and successful trip and we look forward to you joining us this year.



University Fair at the Emirates Stadium

Each year we take our Year 12 students to the Emirates Stadium where they enjoy the day discovering all the different courses the hundreds of Universities at the fair offer. There were also many apprenticeship companies and Gap year stalls this year – so everyone was catered for. This trip was a huge success and gave the Year 12 the opportunity to find out which course was right for them.



What else do we offer?

As well as trips for the whole year group, some subject departments enhance the Year 12's learning by taking them on seminars and symposiums. Last year the Music department took their students to Prague where they attended many concerts and learnt about the History of music. This year the Music department has also taken its students to a musical in London. The Maths and English department take their students to university lectures in London and the Geography department are getting ready to take their students to Iceland during the Easter break.

Enrichment Programme

At Chislehurst School Sixth Form we offer a range of extracurricular activities in order to help everyone gain interpersonal skills which helps with their personal statements and CVs. Once a week everyone takes part in an activity that they choose which we call Enrichment.

Options

- **Mindfulness** – This is a relaxation session which helps with stress and anxiety. It helps you control your breathing and focus your mind. In this session, held by our school counsellor, you learn techniques that help you stay calm in a stressful environment and you can use to conquer exam nerves.
- **Pixl Edge Masters** – The Pixl Edge programme has recently been added to Enrichment and it consists of using communication, resilience, initiative, organisation and leadership skills. At the end of this course all our Pixl Edge students will receive a certificate which will look great on their CV or personal statement.
- **Pantomime & Fashion Show** -- This Enrichment gives students the opportunity to design and create their own show for both the students and teachers. The pantomime is written, produced and directed by our year 12 students. This year was a great success with 'A Christmas Musical', it gave the whole school an opportunity to see the more entertaining side of the teacher's personality! For the first time this year we are holding our own Sixth Form Fashion Show, the Year 12 students and some brave teachers are taking to the cat-walk to show off the latest in fashion wear!
- **LAMDA Public Speaking** – This is used to boost confidence and give students the skills they need to speak publicly. This is an examination so all our public speaking students not only enhance their speaking skills but gain a qualification as well.
- **Personal Fitness** – This gives students the opportunity to use the school's gym facilities and work on their personal fitness without having to spend money at the gym, a great way to keep fit without interfering with school work.
- **Community Support** – Always a very popular choice, this involves our year 12 students attending lower school lessons to help out as a teaching assistant, some students also have the opportunity to attend a local primary schools and assist with the teaching of key stage two. This can help those who may want to work with children in the future or enter a career in teaching.

Important Dates for your Diary

Sixth Form Induction: Monday 26th June and Tuesday 27th June.

This will take place in the main hall and begins at 8.45am. There will be a welcome assembly, and you will be given a timetable for the two days, as well as meeting your new tutor and fellow year 12 students. These two days are aimed at giving you information about Sixth Form, as well as being a great time to meet and get to know each other. This is always a very popular event as it gives you the opportunity to have a taste of life at our Sixth Form.

Brighton Trip: Friday 30th June.

A very popular day, please arrive at school at 8.30am and meet in the Sixth Form centre.

GCSE Results Day: Thursday 24th August.

Results can be collected from the main hall and you can then enrol into our Sixth Form.

External Enrolment: Friday 25th August.

Please bring your examination results with you and join us in the main hall from 9.30am for enrolment.

Catch-up Enrolment: Tuesday 5th September

If you are unable to enrol on results day due to holiday commitments then there will be a catch-up enrolment session in the Sixth Form Centre on the first day of term from 9.30am – 10.30am.

Opportunities at Sixth Form

In Sixth Form we offer a wide range of opportunities to help all our students succeed in the future. Each week we have a designated hour called 'General Studies', during this time we welcome a huge variety of guest speakers, such as; youth council groups, radio producers, universities and leading charities which allow our students to listen and learn from those in the work place. We also focus on MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses), these are courses run by Universities that the students can do at school giving them an insight into the type of course they would like to study.

Work Experience

This year all our Year 12 students will be taking part in work experience for an entire week in July. Capita is the organisation which sets up work experience for our Sixth Form. Our students choose which profession they are interested in and Capita place them in that working environment. We are really excited about the introduction of work experience as it will give our Sixth Form the opportunity to have a taster of their chosen career. The great thing about work experience is that it will really enhance any CV and impress a potential employer.

University Fair at School

As well as the trip to the Emirates Stadium, all our Sixth Formers had the opportunity to attend a University fair which was held at school. This was a very popular event this year not only with the Sixth Form, but Year 10 and 11 as well.



Social Events

As part of our General Studies each form have the opportunity to lead a Social Event, this year we have had: quizzes, bingo, a scavenger hunt and a murder mystery hour!

For our final social event this term we are holding an Easter Egg hunt for our Year 11 and Year 12 students in the South Field, let's hope the sun shines on Friday!



**Finally the Sixth Form Team
would like to wish each and
every one of you success in
your GCSE Examinations.**

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