



Headteacher's Comment

It was an honour to speak in our Year 11 Celebration Assembly this week, where I had the opportunity to tell the pupils how proud I am of them and to remind them that they will always be part of the Chase community. I look forward to welcoming many Year 11 pupils back to Chase High Sixth Form to begin the next chapter of their education.

The mature way in which all pupils celebrated each other's achievements during the assembly was a delight to witness. The 'after party' with burgers and chips in the Sixth Form Atrium provided a lovely end to the day.

I wish all our Year 11 pupils the very best for the future.

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Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Last weekend our 22 Duke of Edinburgh pupils took part in another hugely successful silver practise expedition. Pupils were incredibly organised, cooking their food and hiking over three days and two nights at Skreens. This week we celebrated 8 silver awards achieved by our Year 11 pupils.

Well done!



Grease Production

A HUGE well done to all our fantastic students and staff who put together the fabulous production of 'Grease.' The show was made up of our biggest cast yet, with over 75 students from across all year groups involved. All of the cast, from the performers on stage, to the lighting and sound crew, have worked incredibly hard to put on a very professional performance with fantastic feedback from all those who have come to watch!



Thank a Teacher

Wednesday 18 June was National Thank a Teacher Day. Over the last week, pupils have been writing messages of appreciation to their favourite staff member, who they feel have made a positive difference to their lives. The postcards were delivered in envelopes to staff during the day on Wednesday.



Litter Pickers

We're excited to share a new initiative launched this term. Each week pupils are taking turns to help tidy up the school grounds by collecting litter in designated areas. This simple but powerful activity is teaching responsibility, teamwork and respect for our environment. Pupils have responded with enthusiasm, with many saying how much they enjoyed it. Thank you to all those who have volunteered so far. If you would like to get involved, please speak to your year leader.



Pre Loved Uniform

As the school year comes to an end, if you have any school uniform that your children have outgrown, or no longer need, we would be incredibly grateful if you could consider donating them to our pre loved shop. All proceeds from the sales will go directly back into supporting school programmes and activities. You can drop any donations to the main school office during school hours. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.



Young Writer

Congratulations to Jacob in Year 7 for creating an original poem which is going to be included in the Young Writer's Anthology!



Year 12 Parents' Evening

We are holding our Year 12 Parents' Evening on Thursday 26 June, face to face, from 16.00 and hope all parents/carers take advantage of speaking with staff about their child's attainment and engagement. The booking system is now open. If you are having difficulties with appointments, please contact Mrs Barber on chelsea.barber@chasehigh.org

[Click here to book now!](#)



Dates for your Diary:

24.06.25 Immunisations Catch Up

25.06.25 Year 5 Open Evening 16.00 – 19.30 pm / Early Close 13.25

26.06.25 Late start 11.00

26.06.25 Year 12 Parents' Evening

27.06.25 Year 8 Hawaiian Party



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

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CENSORED

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

BUY NOW!

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



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