



Headteacher's Comment:

This week marks the official start of public exams for students in Year 11 and Post-16. The support and dedication of all staff at Chase High have equipped the students to tackle the exams with the essential knowledge and confidence needed to succeed. I wish all students the very best in the coming weeks and emphasise that the time, effort, and perseverance you invest will directly impact the success you achieve on results day!

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LORIC Week:

This week has been LORIC week. Pupils have been completing challenges as a tutor group in line with our character education characteristics. Year 7 have been inventing a product out of recycled materials, using their initiative skills. Year 8 have been showcasing their resilience in the cup stack challenge. Year 9 have been displaying leadership skills in the charity challenge task and Year 10 have been using their communication skills to build a bridge out of newspaper.



Staff Vs Students:

This week students challenged staff in a staff vs student table tennis competition! It was a great event for students to display their table tennis skills against their teachers. A big shout out to Mr Deboick and Mr Walrond for challenging the pupils. The event was enjoyed by all.



CHARACTER EDUCATION

Leadership

I can inspire or motivate others to reach a goal.

Organisation

I am prepared; this allows me to be in control.

Resilience

Even if I fail, I know that perseverance leads to success.

Initiative

I am independent, resourceful and proactive in finding creative solutions to problems.

Communication

I share information, share ideas and share success.



STEM Opportunity:

Calling all STEM enthusiasts! Explore your STEM future this Summer...

STEM Learning's free national online mentoring scheme is a great way for 13-19-year-olds to explore their future career options in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

Students can chat online with trained and experienced STEM professionals, learn more about STEM careers, ask for careers advice, learn about skills that are important in the workplace and consider university, apprenticeships and employment.

The programme will run for **10 weeks, starting from Monday 17 June to Monday 2 September.**

Students can message their mentor **at any time during the 10-week period** on a secure and moderated mentoring platform. Conversations take place via text-based messaging, a bit like email, so students and mentors do not need to be on-line at the same time.

The programme is free to UK students and the **deadline for applications is the Monday 10 June 2024.**

Please click here to sign up to access this great opportunity!



Word of the Week:

The word of the week from Monday 13 April 2024 is **Organise**; To arrange or prepare something, usually requiring time, thought and elements of order.

Organise

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LORIC
COMMUNICATION



House points totals for this week



636



498



600



635



Dates for your Diary:

13.05.24 – 24.05.24 Year 10 Work Experience

20.05.24 – 24.05.24 Celebration Assemblies

23.05.24 -24.05.24 Year 8 HPV Immunisations

27.05.24- 31.05.24 Half Term



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- Diane in the Office**
- Safeguarding**
- SEND Department**


- Natalie - Front Office**
- Mrs McGarr - London Building**
- Front office - Post 16 Building**




CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.


OPPORTUNITIES




UniTasterDays and University Alliance are running a student survey to find out more about your experience when engaging in the provision of university information, advice, and guidance in your school or college, the barriers you may encounter, the topics you discuss, and the support you would like to receive from universities and networks of universities. At the end of the survey, you are provided with the option of providing your email address to be entered in a prize draw. One respondent will be randomly selected to win an Amazon Kindle. The survey will end on May 24th 2024. [Take part here.](#)



Are you an aspiring doctor? The [Medic Mentor calendar](#) shows you all of their upcoming webinars and conferences, as well as the open days for medical schools across the UK. This is a great resource to help you plan your future and decide which medical schools you'd like to apply to.



The media play a huge part in communicating current affairs. If this is an area you'd like to work in when you're older, then check out this webinar series from the University of Leicester. [Join Dr Jilly Kay as she discusses how the media shapes our identities](#), the role the media plays in social justice movements, and how media and communication are transforming politics in the modern age. She will also analyse the media framing of the black lives matter movement, posing a research task for you to aid your understanding.



Love Law, but also love technology? Did you know that you can combine the two? In this [fascinating Subject Spotlight](#), Christopher Sykes from Manchester Metropolitan University takes a deep dive into the world of legal tech, and discusses how it can be used to enhance the industry.

If you have any questions or need support, please email Edel.Donlon@chasehigh.org

JOB OF THE WEEK



This week's video focuses on the job role of an [Animator](#).

An animator produces multiple images called frames, which when sequenced together create an illusion of movement. The images can be made up of digital or hand-drawn pictures, models or puppets.

Watch the video to learn more.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT


The language learning software industry has boomed, with revenue estimated to hike at an annual rate of 17% over the next five years.

If you are passionate about languages, teaching and connecting the world, maybe language learning technology is a good career option for you.


[Source](#)

CAREERS NEWSLETTER


OPPORTUNITIES




In this [thought-provoking Subject Spotlight](#), Dr Suzy O'Hara presents: What is the role of the artist in the wider world? Suzy begins by defining fine art, considering the history of fine art, and discussing the power of fine art in society. She goes on to consider the relationship between fine art and technology, picks out those names that have been fine art pioneers, and discusses our social awareness of artistic contributions and their impact on society.




Struggling to focus during your revision? The secret to effective time management is... thinking in tomatoes rather than hours. It may seem silly initially, but millions of people swear by the life-changing power of the [Pomodoro Technique](#). (Pomodoro is Italian for tomato. 🍅).



In this [extremely informative and sociological Subject Spotlight](#), Iraa Wimpenny introduces: Influencing consumer behaviour - the power of the brand. She begins by introducing you to the foundations of consumer buyer behaviour, looking at the various factors that influence this and the different types of behaviour that businesses study and hone in on when selling a product.



Embark on a [virtual journey with JLL and Meta's Construction Virtual Work Experience](#), unlocking the world of real estate and its exciting career opportunities. Immerse yourself in written, interactive, and video content to build a profound understanding of the industry. From data and sustainability roles to real estate management and entrepreneurship, discover diverse career paths.



Are you thinking about going to university? [This course](#) will guide you through the skills you need not only to support you in your current studies (such as coursework, independent projects or when you are revising) but also to study successfully in higher education. These skills will be relevant in school, college, university and your working life. They're not just 'academic skills' - they are life skills that will allow you to make intelligent, balanced decisions.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Imagine getting up in the morning for a job as important as helping save and improve lives around the world. Here, you have that opportunity. You can put your empathy, creativity, digital mastery, or scientific genius to work in collaboration with other like-minded colleagues to pursue and bring hope to countless people who are battling the most challenging diseases of our time." You can read more about MSD careers [here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"It's time to discover exactly how far knowledge can take you, with career-minded, future-focused undergraduate study that really means something to prospective employers. And everything to your future. We want to give you the tools to succeed. That's why we offer a rich variety of undergraduate courses." You can read more about Edge Hill University's courses [here](#).

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HELLDIVERS 2



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Within weeks of release, Helldivers 2 had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.

PEGI 18 RATING



Due to its intense violence and the presence of in-game purchases, Helldivers 2 carries a PEGI 18 rating. While players are generally fighting fantastical enemies like giant bugs and robots, their characters can be killed in various gruesome ways, up to and including dismemberment. It's certainly worth considering whether such a game is appropriate for younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In Helldivers 2, players can use real money to buy in-game currency, with which they can unlock cosmetics and new weapons. At the time of writing, all the in-game items can be acquired without spending so much as a penny – but excited young players wanting to keep up with their friends may still feel the temptation to purchase new weapons more quickly, rather than laboriously earning the in-game currency through play.

VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

Helldivers 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a roll of the dice, as the game can't control how people treat each other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game's 'Social' tab.

FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

The thrill of barely scraping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to Helldivers 2's appeal. To accentuate this feeling of achievement, the game includes some very difficult levels that could prove to be too hard for some players – even those who are legitimately old enough to play. Losing streaks can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing in missions could easily provoke frustration or anger in younger players.

LACK OF ACCESS

The game is available on PC and PS5, but not (as yet) on other consoles. Some people will naturally be disappointed they can't get involved and might look for similar alternatives to play on their own console – alternatives which may contain similar levels of violence and gore but lack the same balanced approach to user misconduct and in-game purchases as Helldivers 2.

Advice for Parents & Educators

GIVE IT A GO FIRST

Helldivers 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself – while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

SET EXPECTATIONS

At the time of writing, Helldivers 2 costs £34.99. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it's worth considering whether Helldivers 2 is really the game for them.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES

If playing on Xbox – where Helldivers 2 isn't available – consider something like Halo: The Master Chief Collection as an alternative. One of its game modes – Firefight – replicates Helldivers' mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted Deep Rock Galactic, which sees them play as fantasy dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS

Many titles offer in-game purchases, but Helldivers 2's are comparatively cheap. You'll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk; on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS

Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't as integral to Helldivers 2 as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5's own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won't be speaking to people they don't know.

Meet Our Expert

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