



Headteacher's Comment:

"I can't believe how polite and well-behaved the pupils are and how focused they are in lessons" is one of the many incredibly positive comments made by a Year 6 parent and carer during their tour of the school. Chase High School is a place of study, safety, and routine for over 1,300 pupils. This often goes unseen by an external audience, which is why I am pleased to offer tours as well as host events such as the upcoming Year 7 Curriculum Evening.

Attendance at Chase High School is the highest it has been for a long time, and I would like to thank all parents and carers for ensuring their child is prepared and ready for school, enabling them to arrive on time. This is a direct reflection of your determination for your child to have the best education and to become a successful member of the local and wider community.

#ProudToBeChase



Lee Valley Cross Country Cup

On Wednesday, 4 teams of runners travelled to Lee Valley in London for the Lee Valley Cross Country Cup. Malachi broke the school record in the Year 7 event. He teamed up with Rufus and Jack to break the school record in the team event. Dexter in Year 8 ran superbly to record our highest ever placed finish against Year 8 and 9. Konrad and Nissar in Year 9 also ran very well. In the girls Year 7 event Gracie, Lolly and Izzy ran very well to lead Chase. In the Year 9 event Melissa, Mia and Scarlett ran well finishing in the top three places among Chase athletes. Well done!



Rewards Assemblies

During assemblies this week, pupils learnt of all the ways that their success and hard work will be celebrated this year. Miss Mayes reminded pupils about the importance of gaining house points and ensuing that they strive for 100% attendance and punctuality. There will be two rewards trips taking place this year, where pupils who have 100% attendance and 100% punctuality will be rewarded for their commitment to school. The Chase High Fun Fair will also be returning at the end of the year – rewarding the house with the most house points.



BookBuzz:

To promote and encourage reading for pleasure at Chase High, we have teamed up with Book Buzz to ensure that every child in Year 7 and 8 receives a free book. Each pupil will be able to select a book of their choice from a collection of 16 titles. Each book has been selected by a panel of experts including school librarians, teachers and children's booksellers, so there is something for everyone. In their library lesson, the pupils will be introduced to each of the Bookbuzz titles to help them choose the book that's right for them.



Year 8 Parents' Evening Save the Date:

We are holding our Year 8 Parents' Evening online on Thursday 10 October from 15.00 and hope all parents/carers take advantage of speaking with staff about their child's attainment and engagement.



Year 7 Curriculum Evening:

Next Thursday 26 September, we would like to invite all Year 7 pupils and their parents to our Year 7 Curriculum Evening taking place from 16.00 – 18.00. During the event there will be an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, find out about the extra-curricular clubs we have on offer and learn more about our curriculum and strategies to support your child. There will also be help and support with Satchel One, safer internet use and our SEND team and mental health support team will be available to speak to.



Dates for your Diary:

23.09.24 – 27.09.24 LORIC Week

26.09.24 European Day of Languages/ Year 7 Curriculum Evening

10.10.24 Year 8 Parents' Evening



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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

26th September is **European Day of Languages**. The celebration aims to promote awareness among the general public of the importance of language learning and protecting the linguistic heritage. Here are some things you can do to learn more about languages..



- You can use [this resource](#) to learn 20 things you may not know about the World of Languages.
- You can view [this webpage](#) to see what online events are being run in celebration of European Day of Languages.
- You can read [this blog](#) to learn more about where studying languages could take your career.
- You can check out the [UCAS Subject Guide](#) to understand more about pathways into a languages related career.

The **Get into Medicine Conference** takes place on 21st September 2024 and is a complete guide to the medical application journey. Students get essential insights into the medical UCAS application process (such as the NEW personal statement structure), connect with professionals, fellow students, and gain a deeper understanding of a future career in medicine. It discusses the new personal statement style that will be used from September 2026.



Talking of personal statements, from 23rd-29th September, UCAS are running their **Personal Statement Week**. They will be covering lots of topics from how to use AI to support your writing to translating your skills to include them in your application. You can [read more and sign up here](#).



Changes?! What changes?! **Don't worry if you're not up to speed on Personal Statement changes**. You will be guided through everything you need to know when the time is right. For now, here's an [info poster](#)

JOB OF THE WEEK



[Tour Guide](#)

Tour guides may lead groups or individuals through historical sites, museums, geographic destinations and on outdoor excursions. Knowing multiple languages helps you to be able to aid a diverse range of tourists from varying countries.

Watch the video to learn more about working hours, salary and qualifications needed.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Students taking up A level humanities & arts subjects has declined dramatically.

For example, research has showed that while 56% of AS or A-level students studied a humanities subject in 2015/16, only 38% studied one in 2021/22.

[Source](#)

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



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Play Your Way Into Production is a game designed to break down barriers to getting into the screen industry. Playing the game gives you an understanding of the tasks and duties of certain job roles and develop skills which are traditionally gained through work experience.



Are you ready to unlock your potential? Access **Apprenticeship's new series of webinars** is specifically designed for students and young professionals. They aim to provide you with the insights and guidance you need to excel in today's dynamic industries. Upcoming industries are; September - Accounting, October - Civil Engineering and November - Project Management. [Read more and register here.](#)



The Design Kids have an archive of interviews with many different types of designers from different areas of the world. Not only is it a super informative resource, but also it's designed beautifully... as you would expect from a collective of top-tier designers!



Are you keen to find virtual work experience placements? Springpod is a great resource to find opportunities and they now have a [step by step guide](#) to help you make the most of the website.



Behind every sport and sporting event is a huge range of professionals. Careers in Sport LIVE events provide you with the opportunity to see first-hand the diverse roles and responsibilities working within a professional sports club and their foundation.



The Mindera UK Foundation promotes diversity in tech by offering education, funding, mentorship, and opportunities to underprivileged and underrepresented individuals, helping them pursue meaningful careers in the sector. During [this panel discussion](#), you'll learn more about the tech sector and the endless possibilities out there to discover.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"At Global Voices, we understand the crucial role that clear communication plays in successful business operations. As one of the leading interpreting agencies, we offer a comprehensive range of interpretation services designed to meet the diverse needs of businesses and organisations across various industries."

Read more about [Global Voices here.](#)

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"We are everything a university should be. It's somewhere you can belong, a community to join with a collection of colleges that offer close-knit support and a proud identity. We are consistently ranked in the top 15 in major UK league tables, we're one of the world's top 150 universities in the QES World University Rankings 2024."

Read more about [Lancaster University courses here.](#)

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FINAL FANTASY XIV



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The video game Final Fantasy XIV launched in 2010, and, despite being critically panned, it saw an overhaul that has made it one of the biggest success stories in gaming. Its huge world, epic story and versatile combat system have continued to draw in new players, but there's a lot that trusted adults need to be aware of – not least the cost of paying monthly to play.

ALWAYS ONLINE

Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Much like World of Warcraft, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests to gain power and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, whether you're playing on PC, Mac, PlayStation or Xbox, and there's no option to play offline.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions to unlock additional content for the game. Those without the expansions will be locked out of certain new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play regularly will potentially have the next release earmarked on their calendar, ready to buy it as soon as possible.

IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Users need to pay £8.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial. If someone stops paying, they'll lose access to their character (although they'll be able to pick up the payments again and resume where they left off). If a player forgets to cancel their payments, however, those subscription fees will continue rolling on automatically.

VOICE & TEXT CHAT

Final Fantasy XIV lets players send chat messages in-game or speak to each other over voice chat. On the one hand, that provides plenty of choice for how those enjoying the game can interact with their fellow fans. On the other hand, however, it's easier than in many games to receive unprompted messages from a stranger, with whom you constantly share your play space.

VIOLENCE

While Final Fantasy XIV has a fairly light tone throughout some of its quests, many involve killing enemies and sometimes even wild animals. The violence isn't especially strong – more comparable to a cartoon or anime style – but the act alone may make some children feel uncomfortable, if they're not yet able to separate fictional harm from the real kind.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

As with World of Warcraft, there's an element of addiction to Final Fantasy XIV. The gameplay loop can be quite engrossing, as minutes turn into hours and hours into days while playing alone or with friends. This can potentially lead to missing real-life events, a lack of interest in any activities not related to the game and procrastination around responsibilities like schoolwork.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MANAGE PLAYTIME

Playtime limits are a great way to counter the addictive qualities of games like Final Fantasy XIV. They allow you discuss why it's still important to enjoy things outside of gaming while still letting a child enjoy playing online with their friends when it makes sense to do so. It's all well and good to have fun with a game, so long as they're able to step away and reconnect with the real world.

MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL

The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. That's easily dozens of hours for a child to go through the game, complete quests, and see if they enjoy it before purchasing expansions or subscribing to a membership. They may well move on to something else before you need to spend so much as a penny.

PLAY TOGETHER

The free trial makes it extremely easy to jump into Final Fantasy XIV and play alongside a child, provided they're old enough. Not only does that help you ensure that settings are adjusted for their privacy and safety, but it may also end up becoming a bonding experience for you both and any other family members that want to try it out.

REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16

Despite its often-relaxing nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs (although the latter is due to a character smoking a pipe on occasion). There's minimal blood, but characters can attack enemies (and other players) with weapons and spells. Take a look at some gameplay videos to see if the content is appropriate for a younger player.

Meet Our Expert

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