



## Headteacher's Comment

I had the pleasure of welcoming our new Year 7 pupils to Chase High School today. They took part in a number of lessons and had the opportunity to experience the school with all the other pupils on site. There was a palpable buzz, and the kindness displayed by everyone was fantastic.

In September, we will be launching a new set of values to underpin my vision for the school. ACE has served us well, but as we develop and strive for continued improvement, I believe we must all contribute to the values we will live and breathe. Please scan the QR code and complete the survey. Next week, I will share the consensus and reveal the new values.



Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine while it lasts.



## Wimbledon Trip

This week, students visited Wimbledon on the second day of the Championships. They had tickets for Court Two and spent the day watching a full schedule of matches.

After an overnight stay in London, the group visited the British Museum, where they explored a range of historical exhibits. The trip offered a mix of sport and culture, and was enjoyed by all who took part.



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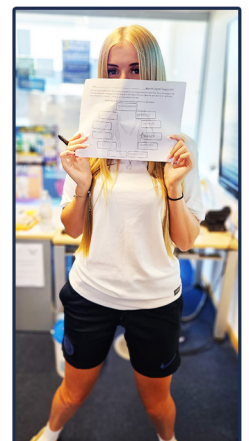
## Liverpool Trip

This week, forty-five Year 8 pupils joined Mr McDonnell, Mr Mustafa, and Ms Walker on the History trip to Liverpool. Pupils discovered the origins of Liverpool as a trading port, explored the original dock from 1710, enjoyed learning about British Pop Culture, including the legendary Beatles, and learnt about the longest theatre of WWII, which was the Battle of the Atlantic. Another highlight was a pleasant, albeit nippy, cruise down the Mersey and seeing the famous landmarks of the city. Pupils also enjoyed a stop at Cadbury World to learn about the making of the confection and of course took part in lots of chocolate tasting!



## Sixth Form Induction Day

On Monday, the Sixth Form team welcomed our new Year 12 students who will be joining us this September. The day provided a wonderful opportunity for students to meet their subject teachers and take part in an enrichment activity. We're excited to welcome them back in September as they begin their Sixth Form journey!







## Culture, Diversity and Inclusion:

As a school we pride ourselves on being an inclusive community where children feel welcome and valued and can celebrate who they are. All this week we have been celebrating culture, diversity and inclusion with a variety of different events that have spanned across the year. The week concluded with a fantastic fashion show, with many staff and pupils stepping on to the catwalk in traditional clothing and brightly coloured flags to represent different countries and cultures from around the world. Pupils sang, read poetry, danced and performed their hearts out to bring together the fantastic and diverse community that is Chase High!



## Leigh Art Trail:

The Leigh Art Trail is back this weekend and once again we are celebrating our students' creativity and exhibiting their wonderful work. If you would like to see the art work on display, please pop down to Leigh Baptist Church at any point over the weekend.



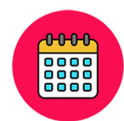
## Careers Event – Volunteers Needed:

The careers department needs the help of parents, carers or any employers who are willing to give up their time to support with our Year 10 Mock Interview Day. If anyone would be able to give up some time on Wednesday 23 July and would like to support with this event, please contact our Careers Coordinator on [lauri.procter@chasehigh.org](mailto:lauri.procter@chasehigh.org).



## End of Term Reminder:

School will close for pupils on Wednesday 23 July at 13.25. Pupils that are eligible for free school meals will be able to collect them at break time.



## Dates for your Diary:

**09.07.25** Year 9 Imperial War Museum Trip

**10.07.25** Year 10 Taster Day

**10.07.25** Parent/Carer Ofsted Follow Up Meeting 18.00 - 19.30

**11.07.25** Sports Day

**17.07.25** Excellence Assemblies

**21.07.25** Rewards Fun Fair

**23.07.05** Last Day of Term/ Early close to pupils 13.25

## Gifts or Hospitality from Pupils or Parents/Carers

*As we approach the end of term, you may have seen that shops and supermarkets are using the end of the academic year to promote the giving of token gifts to teachers to say thank you. I must stress that this has never been and never will be expected by any member of Chase High School staff. However, if you or your child/ren would like to say thank you in this way, please ensure that you refer to Section 10 of the Trust's Gifts and Hospitality Policy, available **HERE**, which details the monetary values that members of staff are allowed to accept from pupils and/or parents/carers.*



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**4.30PM-6.30PM**

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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

### COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

### DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

### BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

### REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

### FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

### USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

### PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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