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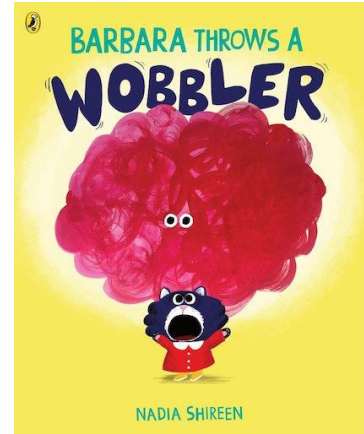
#ProudToBeChase

Autumn is most definitely here, and I, for one, am pleased to be bringing out the 'big coat' as the temperature drops! Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. If you have any questions about our uniform expectations, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff or check the school website.

It was a privilege to watch our Sixth Form Football Academy play in the rain on Wednesday. When I left at half-time, Chase were leading Shoebury High School 3-1, and I was delighted to learn afterwards that the team had secured an excellent 4-2 victory, with Tommy scoring all four goals.

Also on Wednesday, Mr Brien fought off stiff competition to secure the coveted role of judge for our Inter-House Cook-Off Competition, where he was treated to a plethora of culinary masterpieces. The pupils produced fresh vegan pasta dishes entirely from scratch, and congratulations go to Ruby House for taking the top spot.

I have received a number of requests to continue with my book recommendations. This week, Matilda and I have been reading \*Barbara Throws a Wobbler\*, which is a genuinely great book!



Have a lovely weekend, and take advantage of the darker evenings by settling down with a good book.



## Friends of Chase PTA Committee

We are looking for two new members to take on the role of **Chair of our FOC/PTA Committee and Secretary**.

The FOC/PTA is an important part of our school community, supporting fundraising and helping to provide additional opportunities and resources for our pupils.

We would love to hear from anyone who might be interested in taking on either role. No previous PTA or charring experience is necessary – just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved.

If you are interested or would like to find out more, please email a short letter of interest to [Nichola.rock@chasehigh.org](mailto:Nichola.rock@chasehigh.org) by **Wednesday 14 October 2026**.



## Inter-House Cook-Off Competition

This week, six of our Food Preparation and Nutrition/ Hospitality and Catering pupils were selected to compete in our inter-house cook-off competition. Working in their houses – Ruby, Sapphire, Topaz and Emerald – the pupils created a vegan pasta dish from scratch, including both the pasta and the sauce, using only a basic selection of ingredients. We are extremely proud of the levels of enthusiasm, professionalism and teamwork demonstrated throughout the competition, as well as the quality of the dishes produced. Our special judge visited to taste-test each team's dish. Congratulations to Ruby House for taking the top spot! All pupils in the winning house, as well as the pupils who took part in the competition, have been invited to our Spook-fest Halloween event next week. A HUGE well done for their talent and dedication!



## 2000 Tin Challenge

Chase High School is proud to once again support the valuable work of the Trussell Trust with the 2000 Tin Challenge. We are asking every pupil and staff member to bring in two tinned food items, such as beans, fruit, fish etc. If it is in a tin, the foodbank can pass it on to someone in need. This year, our houses are competing to collect the most tins. Emerald, Ruby, Sapphire and Topaz will collect tins every morning at tutor between Monday 9 November and Friday 4 December - Who will win? Please help us reach our target of 2000 tins by giving two tins, or more, to your children to donate. Working together, the whole Chase community can transform two tins and turn them into hundreds of food parcels this Christmas!



## Essex Cricket Workshops

Essex Cricket have been running SEN sessions for pupils in our LRB class. These sessions have focused on skills such as batting, bowling, and fielding, allowing pupils to put their new learnt skills into a game. Thank you to Harrison from Essex Cricket for a fantastic set of sessions!



# SPORT ROUND UP!

Our Sixth Form Football Academy defeated Shoebury High School 4 – 2, with Tommy being awarded Player of the Match after scoring all 4 goals. Well done boys!

Our Year 8 football B team lost 7 - 4 to Southend High School for Boys B team. Freddie was named Player of the Match. The A team were defeated by a strong Southend High School for Boys A team, with the Player of the Match being Kevin. Keep working hard boys!

Our Year 7 football team were narrowly defeated by Greensward in the South East Essex Cup. Dexter was awarded Player of the Match.



## SEND Coffee Morning

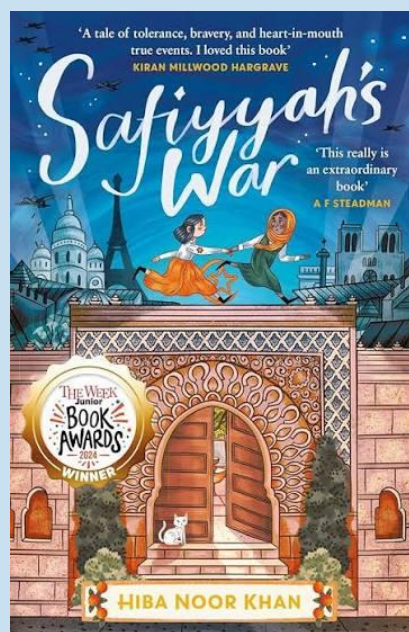
We would like to host a coffee morning **on Thursday 15 October at 9.00 am** with parents of our SEND pupils but want to ensure this would be of benefit. To have your say, we would be very grateful if you could complete the attached anonymous form by 12.00 pm on Tuesday 13 October 2026.

Link to complete: [SEND Coffee Morning – Fill out form](#)

## BOOK OF THE WEEK!

### Safiyyah's War by Hiba Noor Khan

Safiyyah's War is a gripping story of heroic defiance set in World War II Paris, all the more gripping for being based on underknown real-life events. The story focuses on the central mosque, where a small team of devout North Africans see it as their moral duty to help endangered Jews escape to safety, despite the massive risks. Safiyyah's Baba is among them. He does what he can to keep his actions secret from his daughter to protect her, but reckons without her strength of character and purpose. Unafraid to break a few rules in the process, Safiyyah insists on being trusted with the truth and allowed to make her own contribution.



## Dates for your Diary

**15.10.26** – Year 10 Drop Down Day – Careers

**19.10.26 – 30.10.26** - Half Term Break



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# **SEND Parents** *Coffee Morning*

**We would like to invite parents and carers of  
SEND pupils to our coffee morning.**

This is an opportunity to ask any questions or queries  
you may have, as well as sharing our next steps  
and plans for the year.



## **Your questions**

A chance to ask any questions  
or raise any queries you may  
have about SEND provision  
at Chase High.



## **Share and discuss**

We will be sharing our next  
steps and plans for the year  
for our SEND provision.



## **Connect**

An informal and friendly  
opportunity to meet, chat  
and work together.



**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2026**



**9:00am**



**Main Hall**

*We look forward to seeing you!*



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# Chase High Sixth Form Application



**Please apply using the QR code**



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To Apply

# Year 10 Level 1 Beauty Course



Places  
available for  
January 2027  
start



Email [sixthform@chasehigh.org](mailto:sixthform@chasehigh.org)

# VACANCY FOR A **PARENT GOVERNOR**



We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our governing body and warmly welcome applications from parents and carers who want to help our school and make a positive difference for our students.



## WHAT DOES A GOVERNOR DO?

- Work as part of a team to set the strategic vision and direction of the school.
- Hold the headteacher to account for educational performance.
- Oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure funds are well spent.
- Provide a vital link between the governing body, parents and the local community.



## WHAT SKILLS DO YOU NEED?

- No special qualifications or prior experience are required.
- You just need enthusiasm, an interest in children's education and a willingness to ask questions and learn.
- Free training and full support are provided.



## TIME COMMITMENT

- Attend approximately 3–6 meetings per year.
- Occasional visits to the school during the school day.
- A willingness to read paperwork and prepare ahead of meetings.



## ELIGIBILITY

- You must be the parent or carer of a registered pupil at Chase High School at the time of your election.



## HOW TO APPLY OR FIND OUT MORE

Please contact:

**[katrina.walsh@chasehigh.org](mailto:katrina.walsh@chasehigh.org)**

# 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.

 [Listen to this newsletter](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES



Black History Month 2026 in the UK takes place throughout October with the official theme "Honouring our Communities." Celebrating Black History Month means shining a light on achievements, recognising contributions, challenging inequality, inspiring future generations, and promoting greater understanding, inclusion and representation.



On 7<sup>th</sup> October, join Sanctuary Foundation for a special Great Big Live Assembly to celebrate Black History Month - a fast-paced, fun, and inspiring 10-minute event designed especially for secondary school children across the UK! The event will feature inspiring Black role models and guest contributors and a spotlight on this year's Black History Month theme: "Honouring Our Communities". This year's focus highlights the everyday, often unseen contributions of Black individuals who shape, support, and sustain British society. It recognises people such as volunteers, teachers, NHS nurses, carers, and community leaders who hold communities together. The assembly will be streamed live on YouTube. Can't make it live? No problem! Sign up and they'll send you a link to watch on catch-up.



This iCAN Pulse webinar, taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm will bring together Black leaders from across the UK and US insurance markets to share their career journeys, the people and communities that have shaped them, and the responsibility leaders have to support those coming behind them.



ICAEW features a series of videos showcasing some of their most inspirational black members. They share their experiences and insights on issues such as leadership, skills and intersectionality in the profession. The videos are from a range of presenters, including senior professionals such as Ololade Adesanya, a Director at EY.



BHM Heroes is a broader collection covering people from sport, medicine, the military, arts and other professions. Profiles include Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Samantha Tross, F1 Racer Lewis Hamilton, and Footballer Marcus Rashford.

OuterCircle is an apprenticeship organisation helping young people access and succeed in apprenticeships. They arrange events, have current apprentices who act as mentors and an online community to help you succeed. Many of their members are from ethnically diverse backgrounds and can share their real, recent experiences of applying to (and securing!) apprenticeship opportunities.

## JOB OF THE WEEK



Social Worker

They are a trained care professional who helps individuals, families, and communities cope with difficult life challenges, improve their well-being, and protect vulnerable people from harm.

Social Workers usually work for local councils and sit within an adult or childrens team, depending on who they support. In England, they must be registered with Social Work England to legally work in the role.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

A disproportionately high percentage of Black African and Black Caribbean workers are employed as nurses, healthcare assistants, and social workers. For example, public sector statistics show that children's social care and NHS non-medical bands feature some of the highest representations of Black staff across public services.

Source

If you have any questions or need support, please email [careers@chasehigh.org](mailto:careers@chasehigh.org)



# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

## OPPORTUNITIES

Whether you're looking at apprenticeships, work experience, internships or graduate schemes, this session is your launchpad. Lloyds Banking Group are one of the world's biggest financial services companies, with over 30 million digital customers and brands you already know. On 6<sup>th</sup> October from 5-6pm, you'll find out how they help Britain prosper, what makes their culture what it is, and exactly when this year's opportunities open.



Thinking about an AWE apprenticeship? This session on 6<sup>th</sup> October from 5-6pm is your chance to get fully prepped before applications open, with practical advice to help you feel confident when you apply. AWE's apprenticeship roles open on 12 October, so this is the perfect way to get ahead before then.



On Wednesday 7th October Deloitte is taking Year 12 and Year 13 students inside their organisation, a Big Four firm and the largest professional services business in the world, to explore their BrightStart apprenticeships and work experience schemes. This is a key route into the firm for school leavers, where you can earn a salary, work on real client projects and study towards a professional qualification at the same time.



Does a legal career within an international organisation sound like something you'd be interested in? Join Young Professionals on 9<sup>th</sup> October from 5-6:30pm for an exclusive virtual event with Clifford Chance, one of the world's leading law firms, to gain valuable insights into the profession and explore the opportunities available to kickstart your career.



This session from My Great First Job takes place on 20<sup>th</sup> October and will show you how to really stand out on an applicant list. When you are having an interview for an Apprenticeship or a place at University, you'll find that most of the applicants will have the same levels of qualifications as you... So finding ways to stand out is super-important.



Createch is now live! This is your guide to careers at the intersection of creativity and technology. Learn where creativity meets tech through short talks, real career stories and practical advice from people working across the creative industries. All online, all on demand. You must be registered to access the talks. Register for free.



## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

BAE Systems is a UK engineering, technology, aerospace and defence company, working on projects including aircraft, submarines, ships, cyber security and advanced technology. Its extensive early careers programme includes work experience, apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships, undergraduate placements and graduate roles. Opportunities cover engineering, software, cyber, project management and business, giving young people routes to earn qualifications while contributing to large-scale projects.

## UNI SPOTLIGHT

UCL is a large university based in the heart of London, offering courses across subjects including sciences, engineering, humanities, languages, social sciences, architecture, education and health. Students join a diverse international community and can access research, societies, volunteering and career development opportunities. Its location can be particularly valuable for students wanting to experience city life alongside access to London's employers, cultural organisations and professional networks.

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