



## Headteacher's Comment:

The festive period is well under way and many staff, students and members of the community are becoming excited at the prospect of a chimney visitor and fun and games with loved ones. However, we must remember those who face this time of year with an increased level of trepidation and uncertainty and ensure we continue to support everyone in the Chase community. The 2000 tin challenge is an amazing example of how Chase pulls together for the greater good and steps up when people need them the most.

I wish you all a restful break and hope you have the opportunity to spend time with those that mean the most to you. #ProudToBeChase



## Books of Pride:

Each term students are nominated by their teachers for having a 'book of pride.' This means they have an exercise book which shows our PROUD values, as well as a high work ethic and engagement within their learning. Having well-presented work is really important and shows organisation, care and attention to detail. It was great to see how many students were nominated. Those who received 1 or 2 nominations got a congratulatory formal letter home and those with 3 or more nominations were rewarded with a Winter Wonderland Secret Cinema Experience. The event was a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate their achievements and enjoy a memorable cinematic experience with their peers.



## Southend Youth Council:

We are very excited to share the news that two of our Year 8 students, Nana and Taye, are now on the Southend Youth Council. The Southend Youth Council provides a platform for young people in the borough to have a voice and discuss issues that affect young people in Southend. This week they attended their first meeting and will be able to vote on the issues raised at the next meeting. Both students had a great time and said they met some really nice and interesting people.



## Options Evening:

Save the date! Our Year 9 Options Evening will be taking place on Thursday 11 January 2024.



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## Careers Focus:

This week students have enjoyed careers lessons in subjects across the school. Year 7 have spent time looking at key skills in English and how they could be useful in their future careers. They also undertook an Amazon fulfilment insight activity and wrote cover letters to employers in job industries that interest them. Year 8 and 9 have been exploring how important Maths and Science are and how they are used in a variety of careers. In Year 10, students logged on to Unifrog and used the careers library to explore their next steps. Year 11 have been using their personal development time to complete Post 16 applications and in Post 16 the focus continues to be on UCAS applications and 1-2-1 career meetings.



## Photography:

Our Year 10 GCSE Photography students had an amazing opportunity to collaborate with videography company, BC Media, during their photography lessons this week. They actively participated in an interactive portraiture workshop, gaining valuable insights into using different lenses and lighting to achieve dramatic effects. We were thrilled to welcome back a former Chase High pupil, James Cullender, who engaged the students in a discussion about working in a media agency, shedding light on various job roles and essential skills for success in the creative industry.



## Celebration Assemblies:

This week in celebration assemblies we celebrated all of the amazing things that have been happening around the school this half term. Pupils have worked immensely hard to gain as many house points and badges as they can. Our LORIC competition was a success with 7T3 winning the leadership task, 10T1 winning the resilience task, 9R1 winning the initiative task and 8R1 winning the communication task. Well done to all pupils for your hard work this half term.



## End of term house point totals



14,387



18,905



13,321



15,728



## Dates for your Diary:

18.12.23 Year 11 P16 Taster Day / Year 11 Christmas Lunch / Year 11 Honours Assembly

19.12.23 Honours Assemblies / Year 7 Christmas Dinner

20.12.23 Last Day of Term / Early Close 12.30 pm

04.1.24 INSET Day

05.01.24 Start of New Term - Week 2 Timetable



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