

NEWS & VIEWS

Aspiration, Character & Excellence

Headteacher: Mr S McLaughlin



Headteacher's Comment:

It has been another busy week at Chase High School. On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of meeting our new Year 7 Parents at our Welcome Evening. Parents and their child had an opportunity to meet teachers and find out how their secondary education journey has started. It was a very successful event and we received lots of positive feedback. Thank you to Miss Thompson, Ms Carretta and the Year 7 team for their organisation of the event, Mr Brien, Mr Suttinwood and Mr McDonnell for the presentations and all Year 7 teachers for their time and enthusiasm.

Since starting at Chase, I have been very impressed by the high quality training we offer our staff. It is our aim to provide the highest quality education for students and high quality CPD is at the heart of achieving this. Mrs McGarr has worked incredibly hard and shown a great deal of creativity to design a programme that meets the needs of all staff. I am very pleased to announce that we have been short listed for the Investors in People award for CPD. Amazing work Mrs McGarr.



Black History Month:

Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. This week, pupils have joined Mr Keshiro in assemblies looking at historical influential figures. They watched a film trailer about three female, African-American NASA mathematicians; Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, who crossed gender and race lines to help launch an astronaut into outer space. Pupils also viewed an image of a monument to honour Betty Campbell, Wales' first black Headteacher and black history campaigner, that has been unveiled in Cardiff. Mrs Campbell, who died in 2017, proved her doubters wrong after being told as a child that her dream job as a Headteacher was "insurmountable." During the month, our social media accounts will be sharing books everyone can read, that celebrate black authors contribution to literature.



BBC Essex Sport:

Congratulations to Arsenii in Year 10, who was interviewed on Monday by BBC Essex Sport about his sporting achievements in basketball and athletics. You can listen to the full interview here: [INTERVIEW](#)



Word of the Week:

The word of the week from Monday 6 October 2023 is **Compare**; to explore the similarities and differences between things. Pupils will explore this word during tutor time.



Dates for your Diary:

12.10.23 Year 10 Parents' Evening
19.10.23 Year 11 How to Revise Event

23.10.23 – 27.10.23 Half Term
30.10.23 Back to School on Week 2 Timetable



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