

NEWS & VIEWS

Aspiration, Character & Excellence

Headteacher: Mr M Suttwood



Headteacher's Comment:

Shouting in the assembly hall, students running around and water pistols being squirted at adults! Yes, it's Pantomime season and Chase High's Elite Performing Arts Academy amazed the audience with their production of Cinders! The music, acting, costumes and technical skills on show were an awe inspiring spectacle, I haven't smiled and laughed so much in a long time. Young people are our future leaders, teachers, nurses, chefs and so much more, and the young people at Chase have the potential to be anything they choose with the support of the Chase community.

Extremely #ProudToBeChase

We are currently seeking new governors to support and challenge the school in everything we do, from curriculum to health and safety. If you are interested in joining the team, please send an expression of interest to Samantha.walton@chasehigh.org



Christmas Card Competition:

The winners of our annual Christmas card competition were announced this week! With over 300 outstanding entries, it was incredibly tough to choose just one winner. A shortlisted group were presented to Mr Suttwood who selected this year's winners as Mary and Felix in Year 8. The Christmas cards will be printed and sent to, amongst others, our neighbours, the Mayor of Southend and as far as our Trust schools in Brentwood. Well done to everyone who entered!



2000 Tin Challenge:

We've hit the 1000 tin mark on the 2000 Tin Challenge and have extended our collections until Friday 15 December. Can you spare 2 tins of anything for Southend Foodbank? Simply give to your child and we will collect them from their tutor. A big thank you to those who have already donated! Chase High students are using their LORIC skills and community spirit to help others in our community this Christmas. With your help, we can smash the 2000 Tin Challenge!



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Sporting Success!

Well done to our Year 10 basketball team who achieved a victory with a score of 37-20 against Thorpe Hall School this week!



Last Day of Term – Wednesday 20 December:

On the last day of term, pupils and staff are welcome to wear a Christmas themed festive accessory in addition to their school uniform. Please note, the school will close at the earlier time of **12.30 pm** on this day.



Word of the Week:

The word of the week from Monday 11 December 2023 is **Illustrate**; to use pictures, drawings or other artwork to explain ideas or to clarify your ideas and give concrete examples and evidence.

Illustrate

To use pictures, drawings or other artwork to explain ideas.

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LORIC
COMMUNICATION



House points totals for this week



951



1400



866



1073



Dates for your Diary:

11.12.23 – 15.12.23 Celebration Assemblies

14.12.23 Year 8 Parents' Evening

15.12.23 Years 8 – 10 Christmas Lunch

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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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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