



# Chestnut News

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents

Over the past two weeks we have welcomed more than 1000 prospective parents into the school as part of our open morning and evening programme. Parents have been incredibly complimentary about Chestnut Grove as they have been guided around the academy by our students, who have been able to give them an insight into life at our school. I would personally like to thank all of the tour guides who have made our guests feel so welcome and who have been fantastic ambassadors for the academy. We have two more open events taking place on Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 22nd October.

Today is professional day in school and our teaching staff are working on developing new schemes of work for the new KS3, 4 and 5 curriculums. We will provide you with more information about what happens in school when there are no children in the next newsletter!

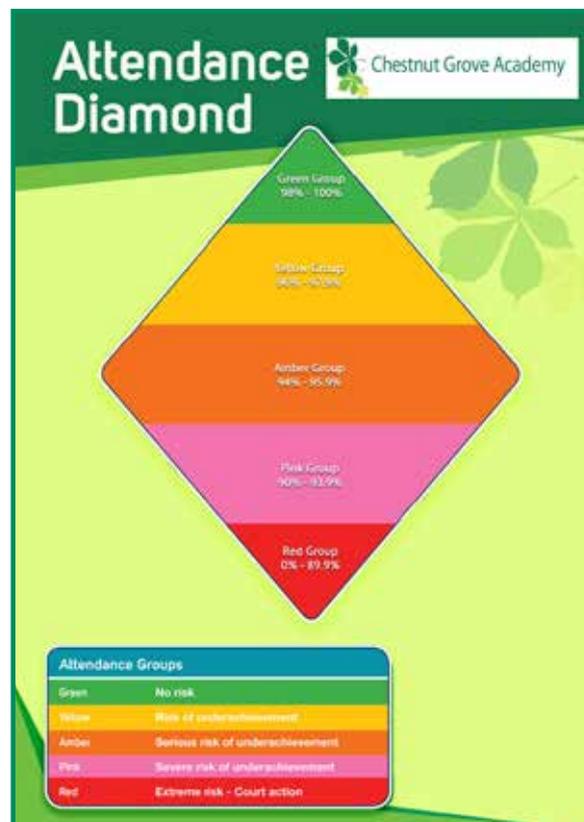
**Mr C Kingsley**  
*Headteacher*



# ACADEMY ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

## Week ending Friday 25th September

7 Blake	96.82	7 Hepworth	93.45	7 Kapoor	97.07
8 Blake	95.32	8 Hepworth	94.99	8 Kapoor	96.41
9 Blake	91.84	9 Hepworth	97.85	9 Kapoor	96.15
10 Blake	95.06	10 Hepworth	96.88	10 Kapoor	96.41
11 Blake	96.83	11 Hepworth	92.23	11 Kapoor	96.49
<b>Blake Overall</b>	<b>95.24</b>	<b>Hepworth Overall</b>	<b>94.99</b>	<b>Kapoor Overall</b>	<b>96.52</b>
7 Da Vinci	98.45	7 Kahlo	95.75	7 Turner	96.79
8 Da Vinci	95.8	8 Kahlo	98.47	8 Turner	95.42
9 Da Vinci	96.85	9 Kahlo	93.61	9 Turner	92.02
10 Da Vinci	92.72	10 Kahlo	94.99	10 Turner	91.45
11 Da Vinci	95.41	11 Kahlo	96.45	11 Turner	89.37
<b>Da Vinci Overall</b>	<b>95.96</b>	<b>Kahlo Overall</b>	<b>95.79</b>	<b>Turner Overall</b>	<b>93.1</b>
<b>Year 12</b>	<b>96.01</b>				
<b>Year 13</b>	<b>93.91</b>				
<b>Sixth Form Overall</b>	<b>95.08</b>				
<b>Green Group</b>	<b>98%-100%</b>	<b>No risk</b>			
<b>Yellow Group</b>	<b>96%-97.9%</b>	<b>Risk of underachievement</b>			
<b>Amber Group</b>	<b>94%-95.9%</b>	<b>Serious risk of underachievement</b>			
<b>Pink Group</b>	<b>90%-93.9%</b>	<b>Severe risk of underachievement</b>			
<b>Red Group</b>	<b>0%-89.9%</b>	<b>Extreme risk</b>			



## PEER MENTOR SUCCESSES

Last year 14 students, in their own time trained to be Peer Mentors. We are very proud to say that they all passed and have certificates in Peer Mentoring. During this time they learnt many key skills;

- **To be willing to share skills, knowledge, and expertise.**
- **Demonstrate a positive attitude and acts as a positive role model.**
- **Take a personal interest in the community in and around Chestnut Grove Academy.**
- **Exhibit enthusiasm in and around the school community.**
- **Value ongoing learning and growth.**
- **To provide guidance and constructive feedback.**
- **Value the opinions and initiatives of others.**
- **To be able to motivate others by setting a good example.**
- **To be friendly and approachable.**

These students are:

1. KACEY ELDER
2. ARTOR BERISHA
3. CAMERON POLIUS
4. ERIC LIU
5. CASEY SEED
6. MARCIA PASCOA
7. ZAINAB SIDDIQUI
8. ZITIAT LAWAL,
9. LEYLA SAHBEBEKHTIARI
10. SIMRAN ASAD
11. HISHAM PARCHMENT
12. WILL CUNNINGHAM
13. PATRICIA LOURENCO
14. ORPA DIANGIAYA-NKANU





## PYGMALION CAST LIST

There was a great turn out for the auditions on Monday 21st September for this year's senior school play, Pygmalion, by George Bernard Shaw. An extremely high standard made casting the named roles very difficult. Congratulations to all students who got in.

Professor Henry Higgins (the note taker)	<i>Rufus Iyasa</i>
Colonel Pickering (the gentleman)	<i>Xena Mendez</i>
Eliza Doolittle (the flower girl)	<i>Sarah Parkes</i>
Alfred Doolittle	<i>Hisham Parchment</i>
Mrs. Pearce	<i>Eimi Koike</i>
Mrs. Higgins (Henry Higgins' mother)	<i>Chris Sinclair</i>
Mrs. Eynsford-Hill (the mother)	<i>Margi Towl</i>
Clara Eynsford-Hill (the daughter)	<i>Stella Rousham</i>
Freddy Eynsford-Hill (the son)	<i>Rafe Askem</i>
A bystander	<i>Hansen Burton</i>

A sarcastic bystander	<i>Max Vitelli</i>
Nepommick	<i>Renzie Perez</i>
Footmen x 3	<i>Vinicius Moreira</i>
	<i>Luke Mbuyi</i>
	<i>Chris Rose</i>
Hostess	<i>Jude Fredman</i>
Host	<i>Thea Blais</i>
Parlourmaid	<i>Clare Wilby</i>

There are also a number of scenes where we are likely to need crowds/other characters - such as the opening street scene and the ball scene. Those who auditioned but did not get a named role are welcome to come to rehearsals of these scenes and take on additional non-speaking onstage roles.

## PERFORMING ARTS

Thank you to all the parents who attended our first ever Community Choir rehearsal. Voice of the Grove meet every Wednesday 7-8.30pm, friends and family are welcome as work towards a large concert on the 3rd December.

It's never too late to join and we'd love to have you there!

Thank you so much for your support so far, keep practising!!

Why not join...

# Voice Of The Grove

**A community choir run by Ms Enza Durban open to community members, parents, teachers and friends. All are welcome, no previous experience necessary!**

A full range of repertoire covered from Classical to Jazz  
 Wednesdays 7-8:30 – Chestnut Grove Academy  
 First meeting Wednesday 23rd September  
 For further details please contact [edurban.212@lgflmail.org](mailto:edurban.212@lgflmail.org) or follow us on Twitter @cgaperformers

Please bring a donation for refreshments  
 Working towards concert on the 3rd December 2015 at St Mary's church



## Year 7

More than 60 students auditioned for our steel pan band this year. We only have 16 pans available and 5 reserve places. The auditions were tough going and rigorous but the students did really well. If your child missed out this time, they can still join the waiting list for future consideration.

Please can all students return their slips for the InterHouse Competition, which will take place on **WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER** (apologies for incorrect day on the letter!)

## Lower School

We are in desperate need of singers for our Winter Concert on the 17th December. Please encourage your children to join our Winter Concert Choir on a Wednesday lunchtime or Boys Choir on a Thursday. Numbers have been low in the early weeks as the younger students get to know what's available, but we need to get cracking for the concert!

## FRIENDS OF CHESTNUT GROVE

### ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON

Dawn Thomas parent of Grace (8 Da Vinci), will be taking to the streets and parks of Central London on Sunday 11th October to run 13.1miles/20k in her fourth Royal Parks Half Marathon. Dawn usually runs on behalf of St.Mungo's a charity that deals with homelessness, but this year she will be running and raising funds for the Academy.

Dawn is asking all parents, friends, carers, teachers and staff of Chestnut Grove to sponsor her in her endeavours to complete the run in no more than 2 hours. Dawn's fundraising target is £500. If you can help her reach that target then please go to the [Virgin Just Giving page](#) and make your donation to The Friends of Chestnut Grove.

Thanks in advance for your support.





This is the last two weeks for you to bring in any old or foreign coins to be cashed in to raise money for Chestnut21. Please do try and find anything you can and the houses will be rewarded points depending on who collects the most. Later in the year we will be collecting old/unwanted clothing with Bags2School - so please do not throw anything away if you are doing a clear out.

We are awaiting the outcome of several applications to trusts and foundations, as well as trying to establish connections with local businesses to support our raffles, for sponsorship or to join in with our monthly drives. Please do get in touch if you feel you, or a company you know would be interested.

Thanks for all of your support

Sharon

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## CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 25th September, head boy and girl Cedric and Sara organised and held our annual charity coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Cancer affects nearly 2.5 million people each year in the UK so we wanted to do our part to help by donating to Macmillan. We had teachers bake cakes for a mini bake-off style competition before selling them on in order to raise money. The winner was Ms Robertson with her wonderful chocolate and beetroot cake. Over all it was a big success raising a total of £173.65, all for a great cause. A huge thanks to all the teachers and students who donated and helped out, we couldn't have done it without you.

*Cedric and Sara*





## KAPOOR

Well done to Kapoor house on their terrific start to the academic year!

Attendance and punctuality has been very good, uniform is being worn smartly and behaviour and progress have been positive!

Kapoor are currently at the top of the Vivo house cup league with 2412 point with closest rival Blake with 2174 points! Keep up the great start Kapoorians!

## KAHLO

Kahlo continue their fantastic start to the term. It is wonderful to see so many students wearing their purple badge in support of the Academy's 'Some people are different, get over it!' campaign.

Attendance amongst the tutor groups continues to be excellent. A special mention to 8 Kahlo who currently have th highest attendance in the Academy!

7 Kahlo	95.75
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It is also wonderful to see the First World War poppy installation up in the main reception. Although created by the art specialists, the concept was the idea of the current 10 Kahlo during project week a year ago. It is lovely to hear their boasts as they walk past it every day.



## DA VINCI

Well done to 7 Da Vinci who have the top attendance in Year 7 at 98.45%

Ms Verber would like to congratulate Da Vinci students on their charity work and fundraising - at the end of the summer term Da Vinci students donated small change to the Nepal Earthquake crisis and raised a massive £72.00. Lauren in 9 Da Vinci created a 'guess the teacher from the baby picture' quiz and raised £25 for the Chestnut Challenge.

This half term Da Vinci students have their Fundraising Focus and need to get thinking creatively about how to raise funds for Chestnut21. Students can present their ideas to their group and tutors. Good Luck!

## HEPWORTH

Year 11 in DT have been designing their own educational toys as part of their controlled assessment in GCSE Product Design. These are examples of work produced by students in 11 Hepworth. The standard of work is exemplary and all of these students are on track to achieve either As or Bs with their coursework.

Well done to Ademola, Jodie, Shahan and Kieffer who's work is pictured.

