



# Chislehurst School for Girls

## Headteacher's weekly bulletin 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

We are off to a flying start and the sun is shining. Students are settled into the new routines and are keeping safe in their designated bubbles. I am also pleased to note that students are respectfully keeping their 2 metre distance from the adults in school. Our priority is to work together to keep everyone safe. Once again, I must thank the wonderful staff for their support to make the new staggered timetable work and ensure that there are never too many people on the move around school at once- it is real teamwork.

Communications are essential at this time as we are unable to undertake the usual 'getting to know you' events with new parents and their families. The time will come and then we will resume all normal activities to bring our new families into school and meet face to face. We love to hear news of achievements of your daughters and sons too, so please do not hesitate to get in touch and share their successes and accomplishments out of school too.

### **Bus Transport.**

We are very aware of the frustrations with the buses and we are working hard to support the girls and students and are in frequent contact with Transport for London to resolve the issue. Please be assured that we are doing all things possible to resolve this swiftly, so that the students are able to leave school in a timely fashion, without having to wait for a bus to stop.

### **Parking Beaverwood Road.**

Parents are respectfully asked to park carefully if they choose to drive down Beaverwood Road to collect their daughters. We would also ask that engines are not left idling, as this is not good for our girls' health. Mr Binmore, our Premises Manager, has done a wonderful job to support our new parents collect their daughters in the first few days, but I would ask for care and sensitivity as we work together to manage what is a very narrow road. The safety of our girls is the priority, and we must all work together to support each other during this time. We do understand, that due to COVID-19, parents may want to collect their daughters, but in

doing so, we must not create another hazard with engines left running and congestion.

### **Duke of Edinburgh – Going for Gold!**



Congratulations to two of our Year 12 students, Mya and Lizzie who completed their Gold DofE Practice Award during the Summer break. They travelled 64 miles over 4 days in extreme weather conditions on the River Thames. With a strong positive mindset, collaboration and nerves of steel they found their inner strength and motivation, fighting against headwinds of 45mph! The strong currents challenged their commitment and determination, there were times when Mya and Lizzie paddled as hard as they could and still went backwards! What a fantastic achievement and an excellent example of resilience, willpower and teamwork.

### **Chislehurst Sixth Form.**



We are proud of our supportive and ambitious Sixth Form here at Chislehurst. We pride ourselves on making all of our students feel welcomed when they start in Year 12. This is especially important for those who have arrived from other schools. This week we shine the spotlight on our new boys, who are a positive addition to school- welcome! We have a wellbeing group for our boys, which is tailored to their specific needs, where they can feel supported and soon feel at home here. We look forward to hearing about their successes and ambitions for their futures as the term progresses.

## Fresh Air and Fitness!

During these challenging times, we are all aware how important it is to keep active and how the benefit of exercise is more than just physical health, impacting our mood, mental health and ability to pay attention. Many children may have missed time spent outdoors, therefore it is wonderful to see our Year 9 students enjoying their P.E. lessons and our Year 7 students enjoying our beautiful surroundings. Our extensive grounds are most welcome at this time and it is wonderful to see them being used once again.



## Communication.

I start and finish this bulletin with the importance of communication. We are keen to communicate with you quickly and effectively.

Please register to use ParentMail via our website. <https://www.chislehurstschoolforgirls.co.uk/965/parentmail>

This means of communication was essential during lockdown, therefore, I would encourage all parents and carers to please register.

## The Sound of Music – Calling all budding musicians!



Music initiates a multitude of academic openings for our young learners, from improved reading skills to securing successful communication skills and a passion for creativity. Peripatetic Instrumental lessons have resumed this week with tutors teaching face to face music lessons. If

your daughter would like to enjoy private music lessons at school, please see our website for further details.

<https://www.chislehurstschoolforgirls.co.uk/490/subjects/subject/28/music>

## Rewarding Breakfast!



Congratulations to some of our girls in Year 7, who were invited to the Headteacher's Breakfast Meeting this morning. Girls were celebrating their positive and helpful start to life at Chislehurst Girls, and were chosen by their Year Co-ordinator Mrs Mclean. They were rewarded with juice and cookies and a lovely chat around the table in their bubble. All of the girls were able to share thoughts on their favourite lessons, pets, travel, accomplishments, life during lockdown and their hopes and dreams for their futures. This was a lovely occasion, and we look forward to sending more invitations for next week.

I do hope you have enjoyed reading our bulletin. I look forward to you sharing your proud parent moments with me. Please do so via email at [office@chsfg.co.uk](mailto:office@chsfg.co.uk)

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