



## Chace Community School

# Newsletter

May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Year 11, 12 and 13 students have been working hard to prepare for the public examinations, both in lessons, after school and in planned sessions during the holidays and weekends. I am grateful to all staff who have given up so much of their time to go the extra mile to work with the young people to ensure that they perform well in the Summer. All of us at Chace would like to wish the young people the best of luck this Summer.

A reminder to all Year 11 parents that they are not expected to attend school from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 unless they are required for a revision session with teachers or have an exam to sit. Students should arrive punctually for exams at 8.40am for morning exams and 1.00pm for afternoon exams in full school uniform and with the correct equipment. Students have been issued with individual exam timetables and full details of exam sessions and revision activities are available on our website under 'Latest News'.

I am delighted that our new behaviour team, led by Mr Vekaria are working well with students to ensure that all students' behaviour for learning ensures that they are successful in school and well prepared to play an active role in society. Our new 'Code of Conduct' sets out our high standards for behaviour and conduct both in school and within our community.

## Code of Conduct

### Respect

We respect staff and peers; 'manners matter'  
We respect our school environment and beyond  
We respect ourselves, take responsibility and do not make excuses  
We wear the correct uniform with pride

### Expectations in lesson

We challenge ourselves to exceed expectations  
We take risks and persist until we get it right  
We are fully equipped, ready to learn  
We always actively engage in learning  
We stay focused, track the teacher and follow instructions

### Safety

We always move sensibly, calmly and quietly around the building, keeping on the left. We keep hands, feet, objects and negative comments to ourselves

### Punctuality and Attendance

We are on time to school and to every lesson  
We move swiftly to our next lesson, so that we are not late

### Expectations outside lessons

We hold doors open for each other and we are polite and respectful to other students, staff and visitors  
We are independent in reviewing our learning and complete homework to the best of our ability

### Community

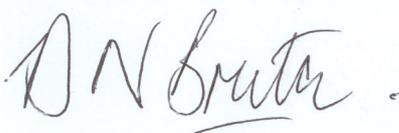
We are part of the wider community and show Chace at its best  
We put litter in the bins and when asked, pick litter up to make our community a clean and tidy environment

### Teamwork

We consider the feelings of others regardless of the method of communication  
We are in it together

After half-term we will be supporting this and our successful 'Shoot for the stars' rewards system with a new, clear and shared list of consequences for inappropriate behaviour. Mr Vekaria and his team will be sharing the changes with all students in the week of 22<sup>nd</sup> May and is inviting parents to an information meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 where he will be presenting our new policy to parents at 4.30, 5.00 and 5.30pm.

Finally, following our visit from Her Majesty's Inspector on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017, I will be hosting a meeting with parents on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 from 5.00-6.00pm to share the progress of the school following our OFSTED inspection in May 2016.



Daniel Bruton  
Headteacher



## Drama

A level students visited The Young Vic Theatre for 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

Y10 Students went to the Garrick Theatre to see Griff Rhys-Jones, Lee Mack and Matthew Horne in 'The Miser.'



## Drama

On Wednesday 26th April the Drama department took a group of A-level and GCSE students to see 'Don Juan in Soho' starring David Tennant. It was an incredible performance that both students and staff thoroughly enjoyed.



I am taking a short break from Chace to have a baby and wanted to take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed working with the Sixth Form over the last two years. I confidently leave them in the hands of Ms Ricketts who will be in charge of the Sixth Form whilst I am on maternity leave, supported of course by Mr Rudd-Clarke, Mrs Thomas and the tutor team.

I wish the students the very best of luck in forthcoming examinations and, to Year 13 in particular, all the best in their journey beyond Chace.

Ms Christodoulou

### Reminder

Year 10 have their immunisations on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of June. Consent forms have been given to students and must be returned no later than Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Many thanks

Mrs Curtis  
Senior Welfare Officer



### Pretty Muddy

Some of the female teachers at Chace are taking part in the 5K Pretty Muddy, to raise awareness of breast cancer. It takes place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am, in Trent Park.

Please feel free to join them and / or sponsor using the link below.

[https://  
fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/  
team/chace-ladies](https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/chace-ladies)

Let's beat cancer!

Thank you  
Miss Wilson



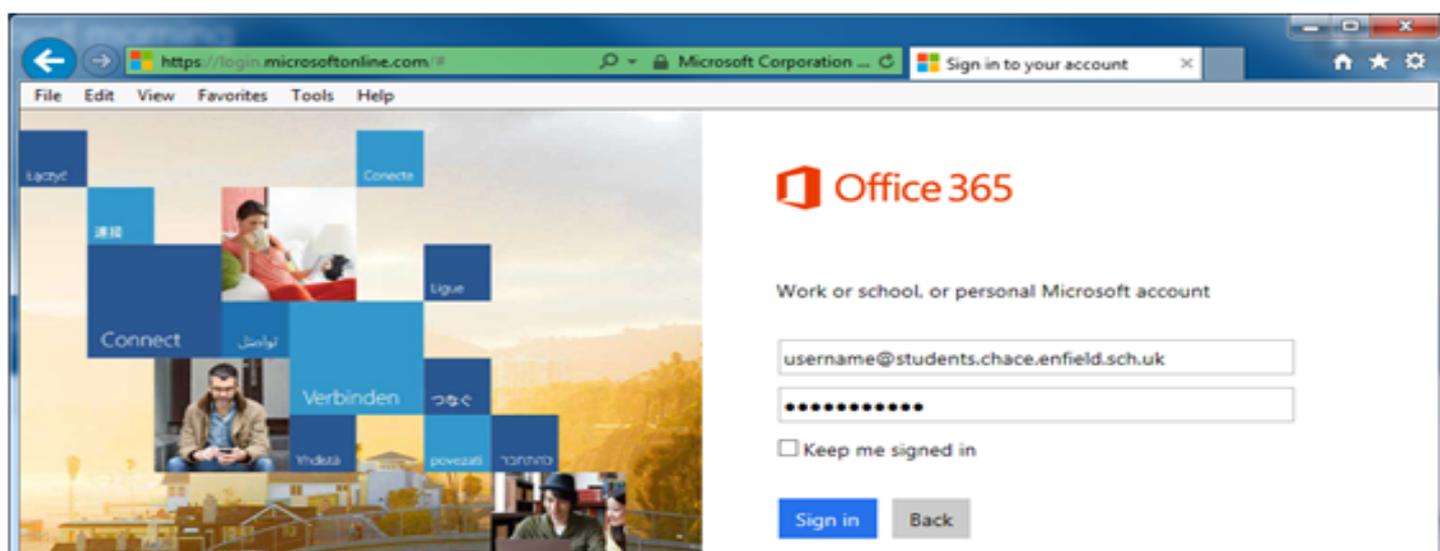
## Free Office 2016 / 365 for students

Chace, in association with Microsoft, is now able to offer all students a free copy of Office 2016.

Using the computer on which you wish to install Office 2016, follow the instructions below. If you experience any difficulties in logging into the website please ask your child to visit the school's ICT department for support.

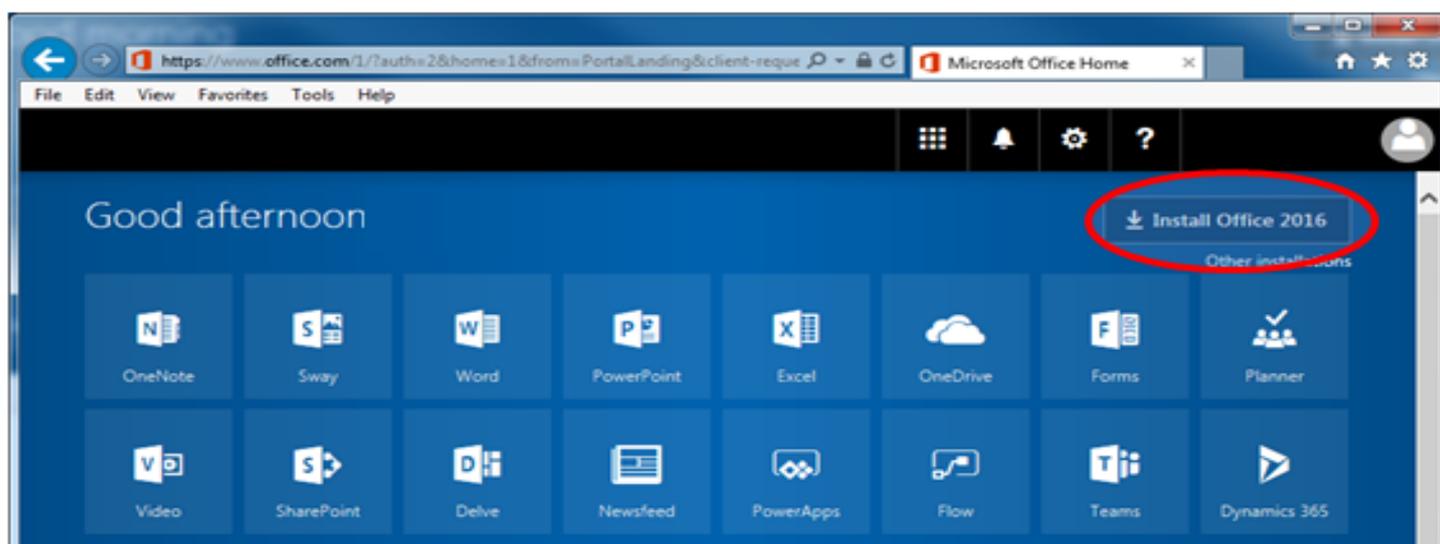
Students will be able to continue using their free version of Office for as long as they are enrolled at Chace Community School.

1. Go to <https://login.microsoftonline.com>
2. Type in your school network username followed by "@students.chace.enfield.sch.uk".



3. Enter your password and click 'Sign in'.

4. A landing page will be presented with apps available to you. To download Office for your computer, click the top right corner and follow the instructions given on screen:



## **FIDGET TOYS INCLUDING SPINNERS AND CUBES**

The new craze at the moment in school is Fidget Gadgets. They come in a variety of shapes and sizes including cubes and spinners. These are great toys and particularly useful for specific learning needs. However, the impact of so many of these gadgets in the learning environment is a distraction from learning.

As from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017, these gadgets were banned in school unless a member of staff from the Student Progress Faculty have given written permission for specific learning needs. If these gadgets are seen, they will be confiscated and only returned at the end of the week on first confiscation, the second time it will be the end term.

If you have a pupil with specific learning needs that requires use of a fidget gadget, please do not hesitate to contact the Student Progress Faculty to discuss what can be used discretely.



## **STUDENT CONDUCT IN THE COMMUNITY BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL**

We have received a number of concerns from local residents about the conduct of our students in and around the area before and after school. Students are expected to make their way home quickly and quietly and should not loiter. This is particularly the case for the residential area near to the school where noise and mess may disturb our neighbours. If students fail to respect our neighbours the school will take action to sanction this behaviour.

## Chace PTA News

The PTA has worked hard and in the last few weeks alone, has raised an amazing £3000! This will go towards supporting and enhancing your children's education and school facilities. We are raising money for new school equipment for several subjects and in the long run for new school minibuses.

How can you help?

- **Come to the Quiz night.**  
Book a table at our popular Quiz night on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2017.
- **Shop.**  
Raise money through online shopping. **Easyfundraising** is an easy way to support Chace PTA, collecting free donations on the things that you buy. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/> to find out more and select **Chace Parent Teacher Association** as your good cause.
- **Match Funding!**  
Does the company you work for have a scheme of matching funds you raise for a charity? If you are not sure, ask your employer as many small and large companies do! Get in touch with us and see how easy it is to raise money for the school.
- **Raffle prizes.**  
Are you able to offer good quality raffle prizes? For example; a restaurant meal, a beauty treatment or a voucher? Wine, chocolate or flowers?
- **Offer your time.**  
We welcome anyone who would like to get involved. Perhaps you can spare an hour to serve tea and coffee at an open evening or you have a brilliant new fundraising idea?

Do you want to get in touch? Please send us an email to [chaceassociation2017@yahoo.com](mailto:chaceassociation2017@yahoo.com). We would love to hear from you!

Maria, Louise, Jackie, Nicola, Claire, James, Fiona, Cath, Rebecca, Ralph, Daniel, Linda and Hilde

Chace Community School, Churchbury Lane, Enfield EN1 3HQ



Chace Community School  
PTA presents...

# QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 10th June 2017  
7.00 pm

**Tickets £8.50 per person  
includes Ploughman's platter.**  
Bring your own drinks. Maximum 8 per table.  
Individuals and couples welcome!

## Message from Mrs Garland - Chair of Governors

“The governing body has three core functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.”

Governance Handbook DfE 2017

Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and people with the right skills, experience and qualities are important in effective governance of any school. Governors are a ‘critical friend’, their role is to support but challenge in a constructive way.

Chace has four elected parent governors and you will recently have received an email from the school about a current vacancy, along with a copy of Mr Bruton’s letter with this bulletin. Parent governors help ensure the board reflects the community it serves and bring a diverse range of perspectives to support decision making.

If you are a parent/carer with the desire to improve the outcomes of the students at Chace, I encourage you to consider applying.

Dear Parent/Carers,

### ELECTION OF PARENTS TO THE SCHOOL'S GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Body is responsible for both the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards. The Governing Body undertakes its role by setting the vision for the school and then ensuring that the school works efficiently and effectively towards achieving its vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community, by both supporting and constructively challenging the school, and by ensuring accountability and compliance.

The Governing Body of the school currently has a vacancy for Parent Governor. I am writing to invite nominations of parents/carers interested in standing for election to fill this vacancy. Every parent of a registered pupil at the school is entitled to stand for election except someone who is

- an elected member of the Council;
- paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in a 12 month period.

If you wish to stand for election could you please let me know in writing by Friday 2nd June 2017 via Mrs Fernandez, our School Business Manager.

Before you decide to put your name forward, you may wish to know a little more about what is involved. Governors' responsibilities include consideration and agreement of the aims and policies of the school, discussion and approval of the targets for improvement, appointment of senior members of staff, setting and monitoring the budget, monitoring the performance of the school and reporting to the parents and community on how they have accomplished their tasks. Governors are expected to attend termly Governing Body meetings, regularly visit the school for monitoring purposes and undertake relevant Identified training. Governors need not be experts in the field of education. They need to have an interest in the school and in the welfare of the pupils and the time and willingness to become involved. The skills you have can bring to the role may be very useful to the Governing Body. At present the Governing Body is lacking Governors who have expertise in legal matters, community engagement and financial management. If you have the required experience, would you consider applying?

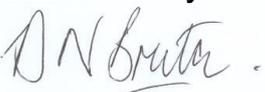
If the number of candidates is greater than the number of parent governor vacancies then a ballot will be necessary. In this instance parents will be sent details of the candidates and a ballot paper on which to record their vote. Should a ballot be necessary, the candidates may if s/he wishes write a brief description of themselves, in not more than 200 words, for circulation with the ballot papers.

**All prospective candidates should contact the school to request the 'Declaration of Eligibility Form' which they should read, sign and return to the School to state that none of the information applies to them.**

The successful candidate will be required to have a DBS check. As this position is exempt from The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 you will be required to declare all unspent and spent cautions and criminal offences, including any pending convictions. The disclosure of a criminal record or other information will not necessarily debar you from volunteering as a governor. This will depend on the nature of the position and the circumstances, nature and background of your offence(s).

Parent Governors have an important role to play in representing parents' views on the Governing Body. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to become involved in the school.

If you would like to find out more about how you can contribute to governance at the School, please forward your contact details to Mrs Fernandez, at [sfernandez@chace.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:sfernandez@chace.enfield.sch.uk) or 0208 352 8203 and I will arrange for a Governor to contact you.



Yours sincerely

Daniel Bruton Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

<b>Friday 19th May</b>	-	<b>Year 9 trip to Kew Gardens</b>
<b>Wednesday 24th May</b>	-	<b>Year 11 Leavers Assembly</b>
<b>Thursday 25th May</b>	-	<b>Parents Information Meeting New Code of Conduct 4.30pm, 5.00pm, or 5.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 26th May</b>	-	<b>End of Half Term 3pm</b>
<b>Monday 5th June</b>	-	<b>Half Term Begins 8.40am</b>
<b>Saturday 10th June</b>	-	<b>PTA Quiz Night 7.00pm</b>
<b>Monday 12th June</b>	-	<b>GCSE Art and Design exhibition &amp; Technology exhibition</b>
<b>Tuesday 13th June</b>	-	<b>Year 9 GCSE Drama Trip</b>
<b>Wednesday 14th June</b>	-	<b>Parents 'Information Evening' - Post Ofsted / Improvements - 5.00pm - 6.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 15th June</b>	-	<b>E-Safety Parents Event</b>
<b>Friday 16th June</b>	-	<b>Year 10 Textiles Trip</b>
<b>Thursday 22nd June</b>	-	<b>'A' Level Art and Photography exhibition</b>
<b>Thursday 22nd June</b>	-	<b>Graphics Trip</b>
<b>Friday 23rd June</b>	-	<b>PTA Year 7 Disco</b>
<b>Thursday 29th June</b>	-	<b>Year 11 Prom</b>
<b>Friday 30th June</b>	-	<b>Year 7 Boulogne Trip</b>
<b>Thursday 6th July</b>	-	<b>Year 12 Geography Middlesex University Trip</b>
<b>Friday 7th July</b>	-	<b>Year 12 Geography Field Trip</b>
<b>Monday 10th July</b>	-	<b>Year 10 Work Experience Begins</b>
<b>Wednesday 12th July</b>	-	<b>Sports Day</b>

For more information see [www.chace.enfield.sch.uk](http://www.chace.enfield.sch.uk)

### NOTE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

If you change your home address, home phone number, mobile phone number or email address please can you phone or email the school (8363 7321 / [chace@chace.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:chace@chace.enfield.sch.uk)) to advise of the changes as soon as possible to ensure your child's details are kept up to date on the school's database.

Thank you

### Answer Machine Attendance Line

The school has an answer machine for attendance calls which enables parents/carers to leave a message regarding student absence at any time. If a student is unwell and will not be in school, please ring Tracy Morter on 020 8352 8217 on each day of absence.

