



Headteacher's Comment:

The Chase High School reindeer have emerged from hibernation and take pride of place at the front of the school. This can mean only one thing: the festive period is fast approaching. For the majority of us, this means rushing to buy and order presents, organising food deliveries, and not forgetting people on the Christmas card list. However, this time of year, for some, is not a time for joy and laughter, and I trust you will look out for friends and family members who need extra support. All the staff at Chase High are here to offer that support if needed; you need only ask.

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UK Parliament Week:

This week pupils have been participating in UK Parliament Week during tutor time. Parliament Week promotes the importance of democracy in the UK, and also helps explain the British political system. Pupils in Years 7-10 have participated in a mock election and cast their votes on ballot papers. This will lead to an overall 'MP' to represent Chase High School in Parliament. Mr Mustafa's Post 16 Government and Politics students have helped with the collection of the ballot papers and counting votes.



LORIC Week – Food Banks:

In support of the Trussell Trust and the fantastic work that goes on at foodbanks in our local area, Miss Mayes has set pupils a challenge to collect as many tins as they can in the space of one week. Next week, as part of the initiative stand of LORIC, pupils are being asked to bring in two tins of food that can be donated to local foodbanks to help local people in crisis. If all pupils bring in two tins each then as a school we will be able to donate over 2000 tins – making a huge positive impact on our local community. Please note: all tins donated must have a use by date of after June 2025. Thank you so much for your support with this challenge.



Preloved uniform

If anyone requires any preloved uniform including blazers, shirts and PE kit, please contact our Friends of Chase through their Facebook page.





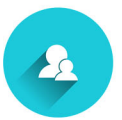
Year 7-11 Flu Immunisations:

On Thursday 5 December and Friday 6 December the School Aged Immunisation Team will be at Chase High School to administer the flu vaccination for pupils in years 7-11. Please give consent for your child here: <https://forms.office.com/e/8yjrNMTFg8>



Christmas Fayre:

We are asking for donations for our upcoming Christmas Fayre, which is taking place on 9-13 December 2024. We have already started collecting items for the tombola, but we need more donations of toys, games, bath sets, candles, teddies, jewellery etc. If you are able to donate any items, please drop them to the main reception. Thank you for your support!



Year 9 Parents' Evening:

We are holding our Year 9 Parents' Evening online on Thursday 5 December from 15.00 and hope all parents/carers take advantage of speaking to staff about their child's attainment and engagement. The booking system is now open. If you are having difficulties booking appointments, please email the Year 9 Deputy Year Leader on karen.lucas@chashigh.org who will be able to assist you.

[Click here to book now!](#)



Sports Round- Up:

Congratulations to Azia in Year 7 for winning silver in the Essex Karate Championships!

This week, we had 14 pupils travel to Lee Valley in London for the Indoor Athletics Cup. A big well done to Sabella in Year 9 who broke the school's indoor athletics record in the shot putt and 300m. Rachel in Year 9 broke the 60m indoor record and Amara broke the 200m indoor record.

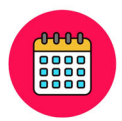
Jack in Year 8 broke the indoor record in 300m.

The below after school practises are cancelled next week due to fixtures:

Tuesday 26 November 2024 – Girls Basketball

Wednesday 27 November 2024 – Year 10 Boys Football / Girls Netball

Thursday 28 November 2024 - Year 7 and 9 Football



Dates for your Diary:

25.11.24 – 29.11.24 LORIC Week

27.11.24 Year 10 Christmas Carol Trip

29.11.24 Year 7 Winter Ball (Friends of Chase)

05.12.24/06.12.24 Year 7-11 Flu Immunisations



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.



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CHASE HIGH SCHOOL
Elite Performing Arts Academy

PANTOMIME

Jack

and the Beanstalk

11th & 12th

December 2024

Times: 11th @5pm

12th @7pm

Tickets: *Via ParentPay*

All £3

Chase Students:£2

9-13TH DECEMBER

Christmas Fayre

Cake Sale

Raffle

Tombola

Cakes, Cookies, Sweet Bags,
Candy Canes and Sherbet,
Cupcakes, Rockie Road,
Brownies, Millionaire
Shortbread, Muffins
and much more!

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