

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your family have managed to enjoy the return of the good weather.

It has been another wonderful week for our students and community. Over the last week, Chorlton High has been hosting the Beelong festival and what an amazing festival it has been.

Please do take some time, if you haven't already, to watch the many events that have been posted on our website. These can be viewed on our website and include some magnificent student and community work. There really is something for everyone. You can watch everything from a virtual art gallery, an intergenerational play called 'I know where I come from', interviews with the authors Frank Cottrell Boyce and Onjali Rauf or listen to a wonderful chat with local podcaster, Kate Cocker, who talks about how we thrive in lockdown. All this was brought together this afternoon with a big ignite event, where our students showcased live, spectacular, performances of speeches about passions of theirs, community and positive change.

The full booklet of what is available can be found here:

<https://www.chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk/community/beelong-festival/introduction> Please use this to go to specific days to listen or watch the events you are interested in on our website. We wanted to take this time to thank all members of the community, our students and staff who made this virtual festival possible. It really is something very special – thank you.

Next week we want to help our young people focus on careers. To support this there will be a number of Careers Advice Information and Guidance (CEIAG) activities that students can delve into. The 'Futures Week' will be launched on Monday though an online assembly on MS Teams. Additional activities will follow including an opportunity to navigate Kudos, our online careers platform, which provides information about jobs, qualifications and also helps students map interests against a range of careers. We will also encourage our older students to think about post 16 pathways, future jobs and employability skills.

As you will have heard, the Government announced last week that the hope is that schools will be back open for all students in September. We are aware that there will need to be some changes to how we operate, but at the moment we have to wait for the Government to send guidance out to schools. We have been informed that we should have this guidance within the next two weeks and this will then allow us to plan a supportive, safe, phased re-opening in September.

We will communicate the plan with parents before the Summer holidays. However, we are all now aware that as the government and public health advice is regularly updated there may need to be changes to this plan. We want to reassure you that we will therefore confirm all the arrangements again during the last week of August.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Stay safe.

Chorlton High School