

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope all our families are safe and well. Students have been working hard since their return from the holidays and it has been great to see lots of them get involved in many things.

### Extracurricular clubs

Next week our extracurricular offer returns and once again we have lots on offer here for all students. Please do spend some time with your child going through the booklet to see if they want to join any of the clubs. To book your child onto a club, please do so via the School Gateway app.

### To book a club you must:

- Go to the Clubs Tab on School Gateway – here you will see a list of Clubs that are available to your child.
- Click on the Club you want to book.
- Select the dates you want to book.
- Click on make booking and your booking will be completed.

### Healthy reading habits

As a school we are also continuing with our focus on developing and embedding students' reading habits. New form time novels have been launched to Years 7, 8 and 9 last week. Every Thursday each form spends their tutor session reading together. This term the Year groups are reading the following books:

Year 7 - 'Boy 87' by Ele Fountain

Year 8 - 'Black and British' by David Olusoga

Year 9 - 'I am Malala' by Malala Yousafzai

In addition to this group read on a Thursday, students should have a reading book in their bag at all times so that they can dip in whenever they get a chance. Tuesday form time is a perfect chance to indulge in some private reading.

If students have not yet visited the library this term, it is open after school for returning books and borrowing more. The library catalogue is also accessible through the Year team page on Microsoft Teams and students can reserve books online there. Twenty minutes of reading for pleasure each day is what we encourage students to aim for, as a minimum, in order to develop a reading habit and the library has a wealth of new titles and exciting reads to appeal to every reader.

### STEM Fest

Next week, we will be celebrating STEM and holding a week long festival that will incorporate many events and competitions for students to get involved in. We look forward to sharing these events with parents in our fortnightly newsletter 'Chorlton Connection' which will be sent out next Friday. Coming soon, we will also be issuing a Special STEM Edition of our [careers@chorltonhigh](mailto:careers@chorltonhigh) Newsletter.

## Year 9 Parents' Evening

A reminder that on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February we will be running Year 9 Parents' Evening virtually. Specific details about the evening have been sent to Year 9 parents already. We look forward to speaking to you then.

## Face coverings

Following the announcement this week, we wanted to update parents that students are no longer required to wear face coverings in classrooms, however they may do so if they wish. Students and staff will still be required to wear them in communal areas, and this measure will be in place until we have further advice from our local Public Health team.

We hope you have a good weekend.  
Chorlton High School

