

Friday 25th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We write to you at the end of the Progress Checkpoint fortnight and we wanted to say well done to our students who really did themselves proud with their revision and their positive attitude during this time!

The Summer of Love and Beelonging

It has been a wonderful return to school where we have seen a group of students using their voice and very impressive dancing skills in support of 'Clean Air Day'. This week we have been celebrating our annual Beelong festival. This year's Beelong Festival is celebrating our community, our resilience and the fact that we really do have more in common than divides us.

Part of our Summer of Love, Kindness and Respect, and funded by the National Lottery, we have partnered with local organisations and charities to complete projects that reflect and celebrate the diversity of our local community. We began our festival by working with Refugee Week and the Great Get Together to join in with "The Great Walk Together" to embrace the theme of Refugee Week this year which was "We Cannot Walk Alone." Students entered a competition to win an afternoon tea for their family, for which they had to write what their community meant to them. We had some beautiful entries.

We celebrated Windrush Day this week, and a group of Year 7 students have met Jordan and Ashley Banjo from the Diversity Dance Troop too – albeit virtually! Our virtual Pride celebration is on Friday, where we hope to see as many of our school as possible wearing our rainbow stickers.

As the festival continues, we are lucky enough to be hosting workshops with Stitched Up, our local reuse and recycle cooperative, Young Identity Poetry Group and Band On The Wall to name but a few! Our community project with Unity Arts also begins this half term.

We also have a lot to look forward to with our Extended Learning Experience days, which will take place 7th – 9th July. Staff have been working extra hard to make sure that this ELE week is a week to remember. Students will take part in practical activities, develop new skills including teamwork and resilience and above all, have fun!

Twice weekly Lateral Flow Home Testing

We know we are sounding like a stuck record with this message but it is really important that students are completing their two lateral flow tests a week to help reduce the spread of Covid-19. Our advice is that these tests are completed on a Wednesday and Sunday evening, in advance of coming to school. Thank you for your support with this.

Stay safe,
Chorlton High School