



Welcome

Hello, and I hope that you find the final newsletter of the academic year informative and useful. Since Easter, we have of course carried out a large number of public examinations, including for the new GCSEs, of which there is much 'hype' in the press. I'm pleased to report that CIC students do not seem to have found the new exams particularly hard, and we are looking forward to a good crop of GCSE and A-level grades in August. We have also staged a successful School Prom at the Stoll Centre, our annual Art Exhibition (once again showing how talented our students are), and staff and students have enjoyed study trips to the Science Museum and elsewhere. You will have noticed that college buildings have had new flooring on stairs and reception, as part of our ongoing investment in infrastructure, and perhaps also that our new website is going from strength to strength. We are also planning a trip to Iceland and a set of new and exciting lunchtime clubs in the Autumn – amongst other things! It only remains for me in the midst of everything to thank the students and staff for their hard work this year, and to wish everyone a relaxing and fruitful Summer.

- Martin Meenagh (Principal)

Student Prom 2018



This year's prom was a huge success, and special thanks go out to all the staff who made it possible. Our DJ for the evening, Ato Taylor (DJ AT) was brilliant and managed to get everyone up and dancing – even our Principal, Martin Meenagh!

The students organised some fun awards, the winners of which were: *Prom King and Queen*: Matyas and Daria, *Best Dressed*: Hossein and Golshid, *Comedian*: Oscar and *Best Dancer*: Anna. All in all it was a fantastic night, enjoyed by everyone!

- Shaun Boreham (Student Council Coordinator)



Stonewall Champion



Chelsea Independent College is now a Stonewall Schools Champion, meaning we are committed to tackling and preventing homophobic, bi-phobic and transphobic bullying. We will now be working towards the Stonewall Bronze Certificate by demonstrating through training, policy, and procedures that we are providing as safe and inclusive an environment as possible for young LGBT people.

Watch out next year for more information and as well as our upcoming #NoBystanders campaign to help tackle hurtful language and bullying of all kinds in school.

- Matt Sharpe

Staff vs Students football match



The annual staff versus student football match took place this term and despite the average age of the teachers being substantially higher than their opponents they somehow managed to come out on top. The games were played in good humour, enjoyed by all, and helped raise funds for Water Aid.



Unfortunately, the tournament came a little too late in the year to allow the teachers to stake a claim for a place in England's world cup squad...but there's always 2022!

- Ged McKenna

Debate Club News

After a very successful year with more 20 different debates, an average attendance of 15 students per session, as well as a victory over KPS College, the debate club has now created a new committee for the 2018-19 year. The new committee is formed by Matyas, Liaisan and Magdalena, replacing Enxhi and Luila who are now heading to university to study psychology and PPE respectively. The committee has already presented a new list of topics covering a wide range of issues from bioethics to gender, conflict, identity, art, education, and immigration among others. We are all looking forward for another intense year of debate.

- Luis Martins

Summer Art Exhibition



This year saw the Chelsea Independent College Art exhibition held at the Stoll Foundation for the third year running. The work showcased the fantastic work of this year's A-level students for art, craft and design, photography, textiles and graphic communication. The GCSE art, craft and design work was also exhibited. The work was of an excellent standard and demonstrated a range of innovative ideas and techniques. Students, parents and teachers attended, as well as many of the resident veterans at the Stoll. The open evening was a great success, with a delicious range of canapés to enjoy!

- Marina DeStacpoole (Head of Art)



AAT arrives at CIC



Chelsea Independent College are pleased to announce they have been accredited by AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) to deliver its Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Accounting. AAT is the UK's leading qualification and professional body for vocational accountants. The course will be offered to any student studying with us on a 2 year A Level programme to complete alongside their 3 or 4 other subjects.

- Jake Connor (Accounting)

♪ Music Club Update ♪

Music Club continues to meet every Friday lunchtime in S3. The students usually get to decide what we do, and over the course of the year, the focus has been on listening and discussing, rather than playing or singing. We have explored "The History of Western Music, from Bach to Bacharach, and Back Again" (or alternatively "from Beethoven to Beyoncé, and Beyond"!)- so we have listened to all sorts of music, including Gregorian chant, early opera, Classical, Romantic and contemporary orchestral works, and even had a session on the History of Rap.

Many important piece of music are now available on YouTube with a scrolling musical score, allowing us to analyse stylistic and technical aspects of composition. However, the point of the club is to be informal and relaxing, as well as educational: nobody is required to read music, called on to answer questions, or made to stand on a chair and sing a song. All are welcome.

For next term, we hope that more students will come forward wanting to sing or play an instrument. If any borders have instruments at home, remember to bring them next term!

- Dan Kellet

News from Team Science

It has been another hugely successful year in the science faculty. All our students have worked really hard, where progress is as important as grades. Here are just some of this year's highlights:

- * A science trip to CERN in Switzerland took place in February. The two day visit to Geneva was enjoyed by all, even though it meant battling sub-zero temperatures.
- * The GCSE students took part in a Science in Action Day in London. The day comprised a series of fun lectures by eminent speakers such as Professor Robert Winston. With explosions and whips cracking at the speed of sound, there was enough there to keep everyone entertained!
- * Many science students received awards during both the CIC awards ceremonies. Hard work, improvement and grades were all credited.
- * Dr Daliya George ran a very successful medical programme; two of her students have received an offer to study medicine.
- * One Year 13 chemistry student received a silver award in the chemistry Olympiad, a fantastic achievement.
- * The Science Club ran throughout the year, alternating weekly between biology, physics and chemistry. Although after-school, it was well attended and the range of topics discussed and experiments carried out meant the students gained a much broader experience of the sciences.
- * Our biologists had a very successful field trip to the London Wetland Centre, armed with just quadrats and a clip board they surveyed the flora and fauna expertly as part of their A level assessment.
- * The Year 11s, OYG and Year 13 students carried out extensive revision for their final exams this summer and we look forward to excellent grades in August.

Well done to all involved...roll on 2018/19!

- Stuart Humphreys (Head of Science)

For your diary...



A-Level Results Day – 16th Aug 2018
GCSE Results Day – 23rd Aug 2018

Start of Autumn Term – 30th Aug 2018
Half Term – 22nd Oct – 2nd Nov 2018
Parents' Evening – 8th Nov 2018
End of Autumn Term – 14th Dec 2018
Start of Spring Term – 8th Jan 2019

We wish all students and staff a good summer!

Fond Farewells

One of the sadder parts of my duty as a Principal is to say goodbye to members of staff who are moving onward and upward in their careers. I'd like to take this chance to thank David Callard, Parvesh Behal, Emily Tobias, Steve Flannery, and Shaun Boreham for all that they have done for college. Eileen McDonagh will also be leaving us in August after a very happy stint as our Head of Geography and Personal, Social, and Economic education. We wish them all well. Information about further changes, including a reorganisation of the English as an Additional Language Department, and new staff, will follow next term – watch this space!

- Martin Meenagh (Principal)