

25th October 2024

Dear Families,

I am writing with my end-of-term update for Term 1. We are very pleased with the start we have made to the new academic year: our students have excelled in their learning and settled successfully back into the routines of school after the summer break. It was great to see so many parents, carers and family members at our parent information, tutor contact, presentation and Year 7 and Sixth Form open evenings over the course of this term, and to hear your messages of support and feedback to us.

Information about our curriculum

In the parent survey conducted in April and May of this year, we received some really helpful feedback to help us shape our work. Families were very positive about the improvements we have made to behaviour over the last eighteen months, with a 30% improvement in families agreeing or strongly agreeing that behaviour in the Academy was good or better.

Parental feedback also suggested that you would like more information about what your child will learn during the year. We have taken this on board and provided much more detail through our information evenings over the course of September. We have also fully updated the information on our website: if you visit <https://www.churchill-academy.org/curriculum> you will find an overview of our curriculum plan. At the bottom of that page, you will also find a series of curriculum booklets, one for each year group in the main school, giving detailed information about the programme of study in each subject across the course of this academic year. Information about the Sixth Form curriculum can be found on the [Sixth Form Course List](#) page.

[Access information about our curriculum here](#)

The wider curriculum

Lessons at Churchill are supplemented, supported and broadened by a wider curriculum which sits across and around our taught lessons. This includes our programme for PSHE (personal, social, health and economic education) and personal development, and our thriving extra-curricular and enrichment programme. These aspects of education are threaded through our lessons, and also inform our assembly and tutor programme, as well as feeding into extra-curricular activities including our summer activities week.

PSHE roadmap

To make it easier for families to understand this programme, we have produced a couple of new documents for you. Firstly, our PSHE roadmap shows how the various aspects of our wider curriculum in this area are delivered through lessons, assemblies, tutor times and some off-timetable activities through Years 7 to 11. If you have any further questions, please contact our director of PSHE, [Mrs Crocker](#).

[Access the PSHE roadmap here](#)

Personal development programme

The second new document is our programme for personal development. There are so many opportunities for our students to develop their skills, knowledge, character and confidence throughout their time at Churchill, and this document is our attempt to draw those threads together to provide an overview for students, staff and families. The document shows how our curriculum, student leadership, house cup, extra-curricular, assembly and PSHE programmes mesh together to support our students as they develop and grow through their time at Churchill. If you have any further questions, please contact the Assistant Headteacher for Culture, Engagement and Participation, [Mr Davies](#).

[Access the personal development programme here](#)

We hope you find this information about our provision helpful.

Staffing update

At the end of this term we say farewell to Natalie Jones, our Inclusion Coordinator, and to Shan Woodley, Science Technician. We thank them both for their contributions to the Academy and wish them well in the future.

Enjoy the half term break. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 4th November, for a timetable week one.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Hildrew', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Hildrew
Headteacher