

CHORLTON CONNECTION



SUMMER 1 2017

GCSE EXAMS:

The exam season begins the week commencing 1st May 2017 and will run until 27th June. The overall exam timetable can be found on the 'Exams' section of the school website. On exam days students are encouraged to attend breakfast revision – in G49 from 8:00am for morning exams. Subject staff and members of the Achievement Team will be on hand to offer last minute information, advice and support. If any issues arise, parents/carers should contact the school as soon as possible so arrangements can be made where needed. If you have any exam related questions please contact our Examinations Manager. Results day is on Thursday 24th August 2017.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

We have a commitment to extra-curricular activities and high quality opportunities outside of the usual curriculum. Please encourage your child to embrace the vast array of opportunities available to them at Chorlton High School by attending at least one activity. The booklet containing all the clubs that will be on offer over the Summer Term is now available to download from our website. Students should have received a paper copy of the booklet this week.

2017/18 TERM DATES:

AUTUMN TERM:

Monday 4th September 2017 - INSET (school closed to students)

Tuesday 5th September 2017 - INSET (school closed to students)

Wednesday 6th September 2017 - Students return to school

Half term holiday - Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2017

Friday 24th November 2017 - INSET (school closed to students)

Term ends - Friday 22nd December 2017

Christmas holiday - Monday 25th December 2017 - Wednesday 3rd January 2018

SPRING TERM:

Thursday 4th January 2018 - Disaggregated INSET (school closed to staff and students)

Friday 5th January 2018 - INSET (school closed to students)

Monday 8th January 2018 - Term starts (students return to school)

Half term holiday - Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February 2018

Term ends - Thursday 29th March 2018

Easter holiday - Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April 2018

SUMMER TERM:

Monday 16th April 2018 - Term starts (students return to school)

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May 2018

Half term holiday - Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018

Term ends - Friday 20th July 2018

CHORLTON HIGH SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PARENT EVENTS:

YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 2017, 4:00-6:00PM

PARENTS' BOOK CLUB

FRIDAY 19TH MAY 2017, 9:15-10:30AM

This is a fantastic opportunity to escape into the world of books and meet with other Chorlton High School parents. The next Parents' Book Club will be on Friday 19th May 9:15-10:30am. We will be looking at 'Noughts and Crosses' by Malorie Blackman. Places are limited. To reserve a place please contact Ms Hockey on 0161 882 1150 or email r.hockey@chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk

CHORLTON ARTS FESTIVAL:

CHORLTON YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR FINAL

WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2017, 7:30PM

In the culmination of this contest, young people of all ages from around the Chorlton area showcase their musical talents in a bid to become Chorlton Young Musician of the Year 2017.

COMPOSERS & CHOREOGRAPHERS

FRIDAY 26TH MAY 2017, 7:30PM

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to see the incredible talent of our Music and Dance students. Working together for the week, the Music and Dance Departments collaborate to fuse different styles of Dance and Music with truly stunning results. Join us to celebrate the close of the Chorlton Arts Festival in style with this incredible performance.

TERM DATES:

BANK HOLIDAY - Monday 1st May 2017

END OF HALF TERM - Friday 26th May 2017

HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2017

STUDENTS RETURN - Monday 5th June 2017

TERM ENDS - Friday 21st July 2017

GCSE REVISION SESSIONS:

In order to prepare Year 11 students for their forthcoming examinations, we will continue to run a comprehensive timetable of revision sessions on Saturdays throughout the Summer Term and during the May half term holiday. A copy of the revision timetable is available to download from the 'Exams' section of our school website. All Year 11 students are welcome to attend the sessions listed. All sessions run from 9:30-12:30 and students are expected to be prompt, equipped and ready to learn. Alongside this, students are expected to be working independently, revising at home so that they are fully prepared and can secure success. If you require any further guidance or support, please contact the Year 11 team.

CHORLTON YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD ENTRIES:

Entries for the Chorlton Young Musician of the Year Award are now open. If your child would like to audition for a chance to win this prestigious title they will need to complete an application form and return it to Mrs Cheetham by Saturday 29th April. Application forms are available to download from our school website. Auditions will take place on Wednesday 3rd May and the finals will be held on Wednesday 24th May at 7:30pm in the Blue Box Theatre.

COMMUNITY LETTINGS AT CHS:

Did you know that we have a wide range of activities taking place in the evening and at weekends through our Community Lettings Programme? You can find a full schedule of all classes and activities taking place at Chorlton High School at: chorlton.schoolbookings.co.uk

Interested in hiring our facilities? All of our school facilities are managed by School Lettings Solutions. To find out more please contact them on 0161 825 0053 or email chorlton@schoollettings.org

TOP 10 TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL REVISION:

1. **Make sure revision is planned in advance.** It is a good idea put together a revision timetable a week in advance. The timetable should then be clearly displayed and followed – without exception.
2. **Chunk up revision – sessions should last no longer than 40 minutes at a time** after which our brain needs a rest – then have a short 10 or 15 minute break - then get back to revising for another 40 minutes. It is anticipated that by now students should be completing a minimum of three sessions a night – more at weekends.
3. **Organise files, books and folders for each subject** so there is easy access to everything needed well in advance and no time is wasted.
4. **Use Doodle and GCSE Pod to extend your resources and personalise revision.**
5. **Work in a quiet, calm space with no distractions from TV, music, social media or people.** Hand in your phone during the study periods to avoid temptation!
6. **Start with the hardest topics first – use the PLC's for each subject as a guide.**
7. **Try different revision techniques – use the Secrets of Success booklet and work out which strategies work best (anything from mind maps to Post it-notes, revision cards to visualisation, past exam papers to learning online).**
8. **Build in testing of knowledge and exam techniques** so that checks can be made on how effective revision actually is.
9. **Try to maintain a healthy lifestyle:** Include physical exercise, avoid too much caffeine, sugar and any other substance which potentially affects sleep patterns and eat well – particularly breakfast (plenty of fresh fruit -bananas are good brain food!), nuts, fish, complex carbohydrates.
10. **Build in weekly rewards and time to escape – it is important to keep a balance.** In addition have a post-exam plan to look forward to – Y11 Prom, NCS, Music Festivals, and a long, well-earned summer break!



Ask a friend



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Memorising



Mind Mapping



Mnemonics & Rhymes



Past Papers



Revision Cards



Revision Plan



Visualisation