

17<sup>th</sup> July 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all families for your support as we come to the end of an incredible year for Chaucer School. We set out this year with clear goals in mind to improve Chaucer School for your children, and have made significant progress in every area.

- The introduction of The Chaucer Way has supported even further positive learning behaviour in lessons, and calm corridors and social spaces.
- Our pillars of Personal Development have seen amongst other improvements, a massive increase in students attending extra-curricular clubs, and seen 175+ trips and visits out of school.
- The Thinking Reading Programme supporting students in reaching their chronological reading age has seen massive leaps in reading ages for all students involved.
- Our provision for all children with Special Educational Needs continues to improve and grow, with Oasis, Nest and The Lodge now supporting children with different needs.
- Students in every year group are showing improving grades across the board, with strong predictions for our Year 11 summer results.
- With your support we have raised attendance of Chaucer School by over 3% compared to last year - a phenomenal achievement in any school.

We look forward to a fourth OFSTED monitoring visit during the Autumn Term, and are keen to show them the further progress we have made towards reinspection at some point in the 2025, and being graded as 'good' in the areas OFSTED assess.

One change for September to make you and students aware of is that, like lunches, we are splitting breaktime to be at two different points during the morning. Students tell us this is the busiest point during the day, and this move will mean less queuing, less people, and better access to the facilities at the time that students need them for all. You can see the updated school day below:

All Year Groups	Reg	08.30 - 08.50
All Year Groups	P1	08.50 - 09.55
Y7, Y9, Y11	Break	09.55 - 10.10
Y7, Y9, Y11	P2	10.10 - 11.15
Y8, Y10	P2	09.55 - 11.00
Y8, Y10	Break	11.00 - 11.15
All Year Groups	P3	11.15 - 12.20
Y7, Y9, Y11	Lunch	12.20 - 12.50
Y7, Y9, Y11	P4	12.50 - 13.55
Y8, Y10	P4	12.20 - 13.25
Y8, Y10	Lunch	13.25 - 13.55
All Year Groups	P5	13.55 - 15.00

We could not continue this pace of improvement at Chaucer School without your support, and the student's support. All students enjoyed a House Celebration Day last Friday with fun activities as a thank you for the improvements this year. If you don't already, please follow us on Facebook, Instagram or X to see more details about what goes on in school.

We look forward to the final day with students this Friday, with the student led House Fundraising Fair in school in the morning, before closing at 12.20pm. Students start back at school on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2024 at 8.30am.



And finally... our beloved Catering Manager, Mandy Harris-Shaw, is retiring this week after 35 years, and I know she will be missed by many. So many mouths have been fed over her time at Chaucer School in what is arguably the most important job in the building. No child can do well when they are hungry. I'm sure you all join me in offering our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Mandy, and wish her a wonderful and happy long retirement.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of all staff at Chaucer School to wish you all a happy and healthy Summer.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Joanna Crewe'.

**Joanna Crewe**  
**Headteacher**