



“Every learner’s educational experience is at the heart of all we do”



Dear Parents,

Now that this scholastic year draws to a close and the news that Mr Tabone will be moving on to new challenges has reached you, here are a few important messages:

A BIG thank you!

The CHSMC community thanks Mr Tabone for the sterling work that has been achieved at CHSMC since he took over in April 2009.

So many initiatives and new approaches come to mind: the energetic thrust that saw new e-learning resources in the classroom and the robust and totally restructured whole-school IT framework; the setting up of an exciting International Programme that has attracted so many international students to our schools - CHSMC

now boasts of over 300 international students; the great care and attention taken to boost the Maltese educational programme throughout the schools; and the professional way in which Mr Tabone led the Senior Leadership Team and the school - have culminated in a most encouraging External Review Report which will guide further development. These are of course, just a few examples, I am sure that you can all mention many more. I have found Mr Tabone to be hard-working, loyal and a strategic school leader with firm values and principles. We wish Mr Tabone every success in his new endeavours.

Mr Tabone steps down on the 6th July, 2012 as Principal of the schools but he will continue to assist us on two major projects: A 3-year Strategic e-learning Plan and its implementation and the CHSMC's Board long-term plan, until December, 2012.

Learning 360 - Becoming the Best We Can Be at 110! Project

As you all know, with over 30 years experience at Chiswick House School and St Martin's College, I am only too pleased to lead the Senior Leadership Team and the CHSMC Community as Director. Since I am also jointly responsible for quality assurance, the way forward seems brightened by the exciting opportunities to take the schools to a different level. This year many of you have already heard and contributed towards the Learning 360 - Becoming The Best We Can Be at 110! Project. In brief, this is a school improvement project which aims

at transforming the schools into a professional learning community. This term requires very high standards of teaching for learning and 21st Century learning-centred educational activities where communication, critical thinking, creativity and collaboration coupled with compassion and credibility through authenticity are evident skills and attributes demonstrated by our students.

We want wide-spread educational opportunities that are integrated, project-based and that fire the imagination, evoke developing emotions and fan curiosity. Every learner's personal and collaborative learning opportunities will be well-recorded and discussed with parents throughout every phase and level, as the child develops. Self-discipline, self-confidence, self-awareness and inquisitive questioning form the cornerstones upon which planning takes place.

Learning 360, as its name implies ropes in all stakeholders. This year's phase, the first of five, has focused upon collecting data. This phase has been completed and in July data-analysis will take place. Please look out for the e-mail at the end of July which will furnish you with more information and further opportunities to send in your most valid feedback. Parents who have already taken part in the various focus groups have made all the difference and we look forward to many more discussions.

It has become evident that the wider our consultation, the deeper our roots and the broader our understanding of how best to cater for your children's needs. The External Review report has already indicated that we are well on the way. Our dedicated and caring teachers are invaluable stakeholders who are translating sound theories into practical and experiential learning activities. A most rigorous 3-year professional learning programme is underway and tangible gains will continue to be evident within our happy classrooms.

Professor Louise Stoll and Mr Richard Townsend continue to act as critical friends and valid professional contributors through inspirational development sessions and thought-provoking discussions with all stakeholders.

We are all looking forward to the busy and exciting months and years ahead.

We thank you for your support and constant encouragement.

We wish you enjoyable and relaxing summer holidays.

Kind Regards,
Bernie Mizzi
Director
Chiswick House School and St Martin's College.



Some Diary Notes

Please look out for:

End July: Newsletter: **Learning 360 - Update**

End August: Newsletter: **New CHSMC Leadership Structure**

Late September: Parents' Forum:
Learning 360 - Goals, Roles and Outcomes.

Bernie Mizzi with the Senior Leadership Team.

Late October: Parents' Forum:
Prof Louise Stoll: CHSMC - Reinvented

Professor Louise Stoll, Bernie Mizzi and the Senior Leadership Team.