

"I believe passionately that when you walk through the door of a place of learning, you should feel proud, uplifted, motivated." *Mark Haysom*



Dear Parents,

As we usher-in the Autumn Term, here is a succinct update.

A very smooth and happy start to scholastic year 2012/13

We have had a very happy start to scholastic year 2012/13. The CHSMC community has had a busy start: exciting learning taking place in classrooms, swimming lessons, Sixth-Formers' induction and ice-breaking activities, teacher-parents' meetings and administrative and support staff cheerfully going about their work - to mention but a few examples that took place at CHSMC!

This week we welcome our babes..... Reception, Kg 1 and Kg 2 pupils will trot in to find their happy spaces. We are delighted with the fact that we have already started our third Reception Class (this usually opens in January) and that the new, high standard in KG1 of having 15 per class with one KG Assistant and one helper, has already started to show that the personalised programme really does work!

We thank parents for their very positive comments and e-mails.....much appreciated!

Sixth Form

64 First-Years and 39 Second Years have got off to a good start at Sixth Form. These photographs capture the lighter moments and the serious commitment at this level!



Parents' Forum

The Parents' Forum is made up of:

◆ CHS Parents' Forum -

Ms Daniela Cappitta, Ms Bridget Lentin, Ms Alison Shaw, Ms Claire Hili, Ms Ann Camilleri, Ms Jacqueline Curmi.

◆ SMC Parents' Forum -

Dr Jackie Melillo, Ms Rama Balakrishnan, Ms Suzanne Ellul Vincenti, Ms Alexandra Genovese, Ms Rachel Galea, Ms Lorna Sammut, Ms Fiona Captur, Ms Maria Bartolo Galea, Ms Dorianne Mifsud.

They have already started with a bang! Please see the flyer below and join us at this wonderful event. We depend on your support! Thank you.

SMC Parents' Forum in collaboration with SOS Malta is organising a fun night out

Come and join us on

Friday 12th October 2012

from 7:30 onwards at St Martin's College with DJ Ozzie!

Food created and provided by SOS Malta (Solidarity Overseas Service) in our effort to support their project – 'Same Difference'

€20 per person will buy you a buffet dinner & 3 drinks of your choice.

Places are limited.

For bookings please contact Nello Calleja on nellocalleja@chs.edu.mt or on 21374396/7
Bookings close on 5th October.

For more information about SOS Malta please visit www.sosmalta.org



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Official 2012 Benchmarking Results:

We are pleased to report that after further analysis we have the following data to share:

The pass rate for ENGLISH is actually 86.5%. By going through the detail, we also noted that had the 9 students who only took their oral exam (these children failed to turn up for their written papers), not attended at all, the pass mark would have been 94.7%. Sitting for only one component skews the data completely. Therefore, in 2013 we will recommend that students sitting for the benchmarking exercise, should attempt all components.

The same happened in MALTESE, if we remove the students who only sat for one component than our actual pass rate is 73% (and not 67%) and in MATHEMATICS again, it should read 63% (and not 55%).

Therefore, of those students who attempted all components, 95% got over 50% in ENGLISH, 73% got over 50% in MALTESE and 63% got over 50% in Mathematics. We will be working hard to improve these figures however we are seeing a very strong correlation with SEC pass rates in English and Maltese. We are sure that this year's results in Mathematics will improve considerably.



Learning 360 Prof Louise Stoll's visit

Thursday 25th October, 2012
5:30pm - 7:00pm
at St Martin's College, Library.

Please reflect upon this statement:

"Learning 360 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." Is this what you want for your children? Should these be our targets?

Prof Louise Stoll, the Project's critical friend will be asking for Parents' feedback and ideas. Please put this very important date down on your diaries. Childcare services will be available. Please register for this event by sending an e-mail to linachircop@smc.edu.mt



CHS Gates open at.....

In the interest of safety, we opened doors at CHS at 8:00 am in the morning. Some parents have asked for the doors to open at 7:50 am and every effort is being made for this to happen as from next week. We thank parents for their patience and assure them of our constant attention to this issue until it works well for everyone concerned.

Dear Parents,

We thank you for your attention and support.

Best Regards
Bernie Mizzi for the CHSMC Community