

December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to start this letter by thanking you for the support you have given our entire school community since we returned in September. We started the new academic year with another set of excellent GCSE results; placing us amongst the top performing schools in the country.

As ever, we are very proud of how well pupils settled into the rhythm of school life, enjoying being part of their vertical tutor groups and high-quality learning in lessons.

Our work this term has been rich. There have been a range of experiences which have complimented learning including: Year 7 Team Building Day; Languages Week; Geography field trip; visits to the courts; theatre visits and much more, as well as many events co-ordinated by our partners The Manchester United Foundation. Our exciting extra-curricular offer is in full swing and we encourage all pupils to participate in something. Look out for the new extra-curricular timetable next half-term.

We must make a special mention of our Year 11 pupils who have worked so hard this term to be in the best possible place for their KS4 qualifications. They have just finished their mock exams and their approach was faultless. We are looking forward to seeing the outcomes of these and then getting to work on the areas for further development and success in Half-Term 3.

As many of you will be aware in Half-Term 3, Year 7 Progress Evening is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Please keep this date free and make appointments via Edulink. We very much hope you will be able to join us. We are also looking forward to working with our Year 9 pupils as they prepare for their options. Year 9 Progress and Options Evening is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024. This year we will also support the options process with an online information session. Please look out for details about this. Pupils in Year 7 to Year 10 will soon receive their first Progress Report of the academic year. Please make sure you read and discuss this with your child(ren).

We are also pleased to promote our school production which will be performed on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Tickets are available via ParentPay. Please do purchase your tickets and enjoy the show.

Christmas is often a time of year when pupils receive new phones. Please take the opportunity over the festive period to speak to your child about their use of their mobile phone, what apps they like to use and how they protect themselves online. A great place to look for information is <https://getsafeonline.org/> which has lots of advice on a range of topics. You can also follow <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety> on Twitter, who release new information every week about games and online trends. Making sure you talk to your child about their online activity is very important. Also, we have information on our own website about safe use of mobile devices: <https://levenshulmehigh.co.uk/parents/esafety>. At school, mobile phones should not be out in lessons unless permission to use them has been granted by the teacher for learning purposes.

The current school term ends on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. This will be a non-uniform day for which we request an optional donation of an amount that you feel able to afford. Monies raised will be donated to one of our school charities. School will finish at 1.00pm on this day, you should have received a text message about this.

School will re-open to all pupils at the normal start time on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Please ensure your child arrives promptly on this day. Punctuality is just as important as attendance - every second counts and learning begins immediately at the start of form time. All pupils are expected to attend in full uniform.

The holidays are also a good chance for pupils to spend some time reading - for pleasure and relaxation - as well as to keep developing their vocabulary and their knowledge of the world around them. Fiction and non-fiction are both important and valuable sorts of reading and can be accessed free of charge in local libraries as well as from the school library. Please encourage your child(ren) to read regularly and often. Please see our school website for a list of recommended reads.

May we also take this opportunity to remind you to consider everyone's safety when dropping off or collecting pupils at the school gates. Careful and courteous driving is very important to protect your child(ren) and ensure safety in the community.

As you prepare for the new term, please remember that leggings and/or jogging bottoms are not part of school uniform (even worn with a skirt) and that facial and ear piercings are not allowed - so please do not allow your child to have any piercings done during the holidays. Shoes or trainers should be plain black and there should be no boots worn with trousers tucked in - we should not be able to see boot tops. Full uniform must be worn inside the school building: on corridors, before and between lessons. The school uniform policy is on the website if you need to check.

Finally, the staff and governors wish you and your family a restful break and a happy and healthy new year.

Yours faithfully



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