

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all the support you have shown for your child(ren)'s education during Term 1 of this academic year. We started the year celebrating the outstanding results of the class of 2024 and the positive start has very much continued.

Pupils, once again, settled very well back into school life, picking up the routines needed to create a calm and purposeful school quickly, wearing their uniform with pride, arriving to school and lessons on time and ready to learn. We are incredibly proud of how our pupils have embraced their learning and demonstrated resilience. Our staff, too, have worked tirelessly to support each child, and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to them for their commitment to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment for all.

Looking back at Term 1, as usual, it has been a busy one. Our pupils have enjoyed sporting events and fixtures, a Geography field trip, careers talks and visits, a trip to The Whitworth Art Gallery, cinema trips, the theatre to see Blood Brothers and much more.

Our Year 11s have been busy applying for college courses and applied themselves diligently during the PPEs (mock exams) – we look forward to seeing their results in the new year. Year 10 pupils have been applying for their work experience and they have made a positive start to their GCSE courses. In Year 9, pupils have settled into school life as positive role models for their fellow Key Stage 3 peers. They are also preparing to make their options choices in February for the subjects they will study at GCSE. For Year 8, they have been building relationships with their new pastoral team and settling into Year 8, setting a positive example for Year 7. And finally, Year 7: they enjoyed a team-building day with the RAF and Manchester United Foundation at the start of the year and continue to go from strength to strength. They have settled well into high school life.

Looking ahead to the new term we would like to draw your attention to our Year 7 Progress Evening on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January and our Year 9 Progress Evening on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. More information will follow shortly about making appointments for these events. We hope to see as many parents and carers as possible attending to support academic progress and personal development.

The holidays are a chance for pupils to spend some time reading – for pleasure and relaxation – as well as developing their vocabulary and their knowledge of the world around them. Please encourage your child(ren) to read regularly; there is a list of recommended books for pupils on our website.

May we take this opportunity to remind you to consider everyone's safety when dropping off or collecting your child(ren) at the school gates. Courteous and careful driving is 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 when worn with a skirt) and facial and ear piercings are not allowed. Please do not allow your child to have any piercings done over the holiday period. Shoes or trainers should be plain black and there should be no boots with trousers tucked in – we should not be able to see boot tops. Ties should always be visible and shirts tucked in. Full school 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.

Please note that school will finish on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 12.45pm and will re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at the normal time.

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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**Miss D Johnson**  
Co-Headteacher

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**Mr N A Johnson**  
Co-Headteacher