

15th December 2025

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 another set of excellent results of the class of 2025 and the positive start has very much continued.

Beyond thanking you all for the support you have given our school community at the start of the academic year, I would like to thank you for the support you have given me. I have enjoyed an incredible 13 years at Levenshulme High School, the last 5 of which have been as the co/headteacher. The memories I have made here will be forever special to me. I have every confidence, you will do all you can to support the new headteacher, Mr Alex Fair, when he takes up his post in January. I look forward to watching (from afar) Levenshulme High School go from strength to further strength.

I am incredibly proud of how our pupils have embraced their learning and demonstrated resilience. The Levenshulme staff, too, have worked tirelessly to support each child, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to them for their commitment to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment for all.

Term 1 has been full of energy and purpose with many enriching opportunities running alongside high-quality teaching and learning. For example, there have been a number of sporting fixtures, a Year 11 trip to see Blood Brothers, digital technology events, a field trip to Salford Quays and a great day out at Alton Towers – to name but a few.

The Autumn term is always busy and this one has been no different. Our Year 11s have been applying for college courses and focused diligently during the PPEs (mock exams). Year 10 pupils have been organising their work experience placements 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, setting a positive example for Year 7. And finally, Year 7: they enjoyed a team-building day at the start of the year and continue to 'find their feet'; they have settled very well into high school life.

Looking ahead to the new term I would like to draw your attention to our Year 9 Progress Evening on Tuesday 13th January and our Year 7 Progress Evening on Thursday 12th February. 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 I 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 19th December at 12.45pm and will re-open on Tuesday 6th January 2025 at the normal time.

Before I sign off, once again, thank you for your support. I can only hope I have given as much as I have learned and am taking away with me from my time here.

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Mr N A Johnson
Headteacher