

15th July 2015

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is my final newsletter for the 2014/15 academic year and it contains important key messages and information for the start of the new term in September and our expectations for 2015/16. However, at the outset it is important to report that this year has been far more successful than I could have ever imagined when we opened as a new Sponsored Academy on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014. Most of our memorable events have been regularly reported via my termly newsletters as well as our Inspire magazines, so now it is down to business to explain the start of the next academic year.

Our 'Year Group' early roll over this term has been a huge success and all of our students are now ready for September in their respective 'years'. John Booth and Meshach Gordon have been elected as Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy respectively, as have Hannah Jane Rudd and Georgia Taylor as Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl. The Year 11 prefects are in place and all of the new Student Parliament members have been elected by the student body except the new Year 7's who will join us on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Our 150 new Year 7's spent a very successful New Intake Day with us in June and are now equally ready to adopt our new acronym of **PAUSE**. This represents:

**P**unctuality to school is essential. 1 minute late from 7<sup>th</sup> September will lead to 1 hour detention the same night.

**96% A**ttendance to school is non-negotiable. There are/will be plenty of rewards for regular 100%.

**U**niform must be correct every day. Black shoes, blazers, ties etc. essential. 'Bags for boys' are cool.

**S**afe and Sensible Behaviour must be the norm so everyone is safe.

**H**igh **E**xpectations & Exam Performance are the keys to student success.

We expect **all** of our students to accept, and respond positively to these **key** essentials to the new life at Aspire and for **all** parents and carers to support us.

Please do not forget that the school closes on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1.20pm** and re-opens for the start of the new school year at **8.35am on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. There will also be a **Summer Success Extravaganza** during the summer holidays from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July for the current Year 7's (now Y8) and new Y7's from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Finally, **Aspire's New School Building** on Blackpool Old Road is making excellent progress but will not be ready for occupation on the 7<sup>th</sup> September. Therefore, **all students** will start the new term on the **Bispham Road site** and remain there until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October which is the start of October/November half term. It seems likely that we shall start the Winter half term from 2<sup>nd</sup> November at the **New School** on **Blackpool Old Road** with the finer details being given to you early in September.

Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Yours sincerely

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Principal