

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a busy term we have had! The year 10 geographers have been out on their field work trip into Blackpool and Cleveleys and they were a complete credit to the school. The year 7 girls' football team won the Blackpool schools tournament and year 9 students went to the final of the young engineers STEM challenge at B&F college.

The time has flown by and amazingly it is only a few short weeks before the GCSE examination period starts. The year 11 students have been working hard and are making great progress. To support their journey, we are offering a variety of 'boost' and revision opportunities after school and in the Easter holidays. This will help students develop a structured and balanced revision timetable. As parents/carers we ask you to support us by encouraging their full participation in after school activities, whilst revising hard at home, so that they can reach their full potential. We are expecting fantastic results again this year!

I am excited to confirm that students will be able to wear the new summer uniform after the Easter holidays until we break up in July. It is good to see that the students' views are considered and acted upon at Aspire as the new uniform was designed by the Student Parliament. They can be purchased from Bispham Clothing and Ragamuffins.

**It is important to note that the uniform is not compulsory and if they choose to wear it then they do not wear the tie or blazer. If they choose not to wear it then full uniform including tie and blazer are required. Please see below a 'mock up' of the polo shirt (the badge will be embroidered on to the shirt!).**



**Prices are:**

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Age 9-10 years, 11- 12 years and 13 years - £11.99

Small and medium - £12.99

Large and extra Large - £15.99

**Dates for your diary**

**Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> April – year 10 examinations begin**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May – Scholastic book fair in the library**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 3:30pm – 6:00pm Year 7 parents' evening**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – GCSE examinations begin**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May School closes at the end of the day for half term**

To continue to reinforce our vision, ethos and culture we all need to **PAUSE** for a moment. **PAUSE** has become **Aspire's** critical acronym and underpins everything we do. It represents:

- **Punctuality** to school is essential. 1 minute late will lead to a 1 hour detention the same night.
- **95% Attendance** to school is non-negotiable. To encourage this there are/will be plenty of rewards.
- **Uniform** must be correct every day. A bag, black shoes, blazers, ties etc. are essential.
- **Safe and Sensible Behaviour** must be the norm so everyone is safe.
- **High Expectations & Exam Performance** are the keys to student success.

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

It is so important to the Academy's journey that we work in tandem with all our parents and carers and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over this term and wish you a happy Easter.

Please do not forget that the school re-opens at **8.30am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.**

Yours sincerely



Mrs Shuttleworth-Brown

Principal