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Dear Parent,

End of Spring Term

As we come to the end of this term, we would like to give you an update about the end of term arrangements, our achievements and consider the start of the summer term.

End of Term

With an average attendance of 89% on the last day of term – it is very easy to succumb to the ‘it’s not a real day’ or ‘it’s not that important,’ train of thought. It is a critical day in school, we celebrate the achievements of our students and recognise their hard work. It is important that our students are celebrated and in the spirit of our values, recognise their friends, members of the school community and our partners across the Trust. So, we urge, let’s make this this best attended day ever so we can finish the term on a real high, relishing in the achievements of our young people.

Friday is the end of the spring term and to finish, students will be in normal lessons, have a tutor session and then their Celebration & Assembly. Some Year 11 students are going on a trip – enjoy! It will be a non-uniform day, if students do want to wear their own regular clothes, uniform or PE kit, all are permissible. If you can, in return for non-uniform, we would request a chocolate or treat donation brought in advance that will be gifted to our local care homes and the village Foodbank.

As published on the website, school closes for students at 12.30pm and the buses are booked. We will have an extended food offer mid-morning and students eligible for a free school meal will have their monies available for a meal. Vouchers to cover the Easter holiday period have been emailed to you. Please contact us if you do not receive it and you are eligible.

Reflecting on the Spring Term

To date, since Christmas, 242,859 Arbor points have been awarded – congratulations everyone! This week, the end of term nominations have been completed by staff to recognise the engagement and



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learning of students across the year groups and range of subjects. On Friday morning, the prize nominees (of which there are an amazing 381), will received their certificates in House assemblies and the parents of our award winners will be notified. We are very proud of the first-class levels of engagement and the excellence that is consistently demonstrated will be recognised.

Over and above the hundreds of hours of learning, school continues to be a hub of activity: STEM, sport, music, chess, peer reading and countless other enrichment opportunities. Our students have participated in the full range of activities and been acknowledged with the award of their badges. We are really proud of our students (and staff) in the way they nurture our students, fostering and galvanising their talents and wider interests.

Over the course of this term there have been 84 students nominated and presented with the E Pluribus Unum Award for living the school's values. They have demonstrated Kindness, Respect or Ambition in many different ways and nothing makes us prouder than hearing the stories that accompany the nominations. Well done!

Year 11 have nearly completed their coursework in school. As we leave this term, their final full one in school, we would like to wish them all the very best of luck as they move towards the GCSE examinations starting in early May, with the speaking exams in Spanish and Art exams in the weeks leading up to May. Year 10 begin their Practice Examinations as we return after Easter, followed not long after by Work Experience. Of course, we urge all of them to work hard and revise in preparation for the exams, but we also look forward, with Year 11 to a range of traditional valedictory activities at the end of the examination series.

We were delighted to receive the names of the Year 6 students who selected BPA for their high school for September 2025 – the Class of 2030. For the fourth year in a row, we have hit our admission number of 154 and have a wait and appeals list. Testament to the school's improvement, we are both humbled and proud by the choices made by families in our community. The transition of information between primary and secondary school is well underway and genuinely, we cannot wait to meet the newest members of the school family.

HAF Programme

The HAF programme, led by Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Sports Partnership is running over the Easter period. This is for families who qualify and entitles their child to access a range of high-quality activities and an accompanying food offer for the family. If you are eligible, you



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will have been sent an email to invite your family and child to participate. This is a great opportunity and offer – please have a look [here](#) if you qualify. Find, click and follow the link ‘West Lancashire – West Lancs HAF.’

Support and Signposting – Personal Support and Mental Health

As we move into the break, we would like to reiterate that there is a range of support available when we are and even when we are not in school. On the school website, following [this](#) link there are further help and signposts to reliable information and support. Click on the burgundy writing at the top of this page to search other sources of support.

Correspondence

We do have a number of pieces of information we would like to give you over the coming days. Rather than them landing like confetti, here is the schedule:

Information/link to Year 11 Revision over Easter – Thursday 3 April

Information/link to Year 10 Practice Examinations – Thursday 3 April

*note the revised date for Creative iMedia and Computer Science

London Theatre Trip – Thursday 3.4.25

Weekly Update – Friday 4.4.25

End of Year Trip (7-10) – Tuesday 8.4.25

Year 8 Parents’ Evening - 10.3.25 with details about when the booking window will open

Year 10 Parents’ Evening – 8.5.25. We will send correspondence to you about booking appointments after Easter. Please note that we planned this date nine months ago knowing that the Hall would likely be unavailable for face-to-face consultations a week later because the GCSE examinations are in session. The consultation evening is during Work Experience week which is not ideal, but better early than delaying until very late June or July.

#Churchtown Playground Fundraising

As included in the last week’s Update, we are supporting the fundraising efforts of our friends at Churchtown in the week we return after Easter. The details will be included in the next edition of the Weekly Update but this is in two parts:

1. Baton Relay. We will welcome Tarleton Academy and run the baton to Ormskirk School on Wednesday 23 April. In order to facilitate this, we will have an early lunch at 12.35pm.



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2. Metric Marathon. On Friday 25 April, students, with a small donation can attend school in their PE kit or school uniform to complete the team activities that will calculate our metric marathon equivalents. This will be in PE lessons and at lunchtime.

Look out for more details and we do thank you for all of your support.

Summer Term 2025

School reopens on Tuesday 22 April (Monday is a Bank Holiday) at 8.45am for all students. Students should be prepared in their full school uniform, with all of their equipment. If selected by the board, Year 11 will complete their GCSE moderation activities in PE on the day we return. Year 10, as sent to parents and shared with the students, will begin their practice examination series with an English paper – good luck to everyone!

On behalf of all of the staff, we would to say thank you for your support and partnership work. We wish you all a safe, well rested and enjoyable spring break.

E Pluribus Unum.

Yours sincerely,

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