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Dear Parents / Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you at the end of this half term. Since our return after Easter, we have all benefited from bright blue skies and sunshine! Though the half term has been short it has been purposeful and packed with achievements and endeavour.

I have very much enjoyed visiting lessons, talking to year groups in assemblies, meeting with students, staff, business partners and families. The feedback provided is always welcomed and really does shape how we work with our community.

I would like to acknowledge the excellent focus of Yr11&Yr13 students who have attended exams fully and shown positive engagement with lessons and revision sessions. My thanks to staff who have offered additional sessions outside of the school day and to all families who are supporting at home. Exam success is truly a team effort – I am confident that the current exam cohorts will deliver strong results this summer.

Through the half term we have seen continued success with our sports teams dominating in local and regional competitions. The sports trip to Malta was fantastic – many thanks to all staff who made this amazing opportunity happen for our children. Please take some time to browse our newsletter using the link below – there are so many amazing achievements in and outside of school that we are incredibly proud of!

In the final part of the summer term, we look forward to many amazing events which our community will enjoy ranging from House competitions to Sports Day, key presentations such as Sports Presentation and our signature Scholars Awards Evening. We hope to end the term with our first House Colour run which we also anticipate will allow us to raise funds for a school project that our students wish to lead in the new academic year – more info to follow on this!

I have some important staffing updates for you in relation to our pastoral team. I am delighted to announce that Mrs Glendening has been appointed as Head of Yr7 (from Sept 2025). Mr Taylor will be leading Key Stage 3 (Yr8&9 next year) and will begin working with current Yr7 from May Half Term. Mrs Figiel will be leading Key Stage 4 (Yr10&11 next year) and will begin working with current Yr9 from May half term. We have also appointed three staff to support the Key Stage Leads and Head of Yr7. Miss Laverne will work alongside Mrs Glendening, Miss Banks will work alongside Mrs Figiel and Mrs Currah-Hall will work alongside Mr Taylor. Miss Laverne and Mrs Currah-Hall will continue to remain with their form groups. I am also pleased to announce that following Mrs Glendening's successful appointment we have appointed Mr Keegan as Head of Angelou House. We also have a returning alumni Mr D'Annunzio-Brunz joining our pastoral team as an apprentice Learning Mentor. It is brilliant to be able to be the employer of choice for our students utilising the apprenticeship pathway!

Finally, I would like to acknowledge two staff who are moving on from CHS. Firstly, we would like to thank Mrs Cryer for her exceptional care and hard work within our SEND team. Mrs Cryer is an amazing

professional who will be missed, we wish her every happiness as she takes time to be with her beautiful family. Mrs Franks is also leaving us this half term. Mrs Franks has worked with us for 24 years – a significant period of time to devote to a school community. Her professionalism and care for students and staff has been exemplary. However, now is the time for her to move into a new and exciting phase in her life and we wish her every happiness.

I hope you all have a restful half term break, enjoy quality time together and we will see you on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June ready to learn!

Kind regards,



Heidi Thurland

Congleton High School's May Half term newsletter: [Half Term Newsletter](#)

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Staffordshire Children's services 0300 111 8007 [Children and Family Services - Staffordshire County Council](#)

Child line 0800 11 11 [Childline](#) | [Childline](#)

NSPCC 0808 800 5000 [NSPCC](#) | [The UK children's charity](#) | [NSPCC](#)

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