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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have had the pleasure of welcoming our students back to school after what we trust was a wonderful and restful half-term break. It has been delightful to see our students return with such enthusiasm and prepared for the new term.

ATTENDANCE

As you are aware, there is a clear link between attendance and student outcomes at GCSE, and our biggest challenge in improving your child's life chances is ensuring 100% attendance. I am pleased to share that, through our collective efforts and the commitment of our dedicated staff, we have seen a significant improvement in school attendance for the vast majority of students. This is a positive trend that we are eager to continue.

Please keep supporting your child to ensure they are in school every day and arrive promptly by 8:35a.m. Your continued support in this regard is invaluable and much appreciated.

YEAR 11 EXAMS

Year 11 students have continued to excel this exam season. We are extremely proud of their efforts; they have shown remarkable resilience during every exam and continue to participate with enthusiasm in the school intervention programme and weekend revision sessions. We have one final push in the next seven school days before their last exam. Please encourage your child to continue to attend and support them over this stressful time.

As shared previously, we are really looking forward to the Year 11 leavers' assembly on Tuesday, 18th June, and the Year 11 Prom on Friday, 22nd June. Additionally, we have organised a Year 11 Awards' Afternoon, which is scheduled for Wednesday, 10th July. More details will follow soon.

YEAR 7 - 10 ASSESSMENTS

For students in Years 7 to 10, end of year assessments are scheduled from **Monday, June 17th, to Friday, June 28th**. To enable your child to prepare for their assessments, they will have received revision materials from their teachers. Please support them at home by encouraging them to complete this work. Working at home must become a positive learning habit, it builds academic resilience, and is vital for student success. These assessments will accurately assess your child's progress, and you will receive detailed information about their academic performance in an end of year report. The specific arrangements for the assessments, including a timetable, will follow soon.

ENRICHMENT DAY

On Friday, July 12th, we will be having an exciting enrichment day for our students. This day is designed to provide our students with enriching experiences that go beyond the standard curriculum.

Year 7 and Year 8 students will be participating in an Arts Day that celebrates and reflects our multicultural school community.



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Year 9 students will be off-site for the day, where they will be challenged to build resilience and experience moments of awe. This day will help them develop important life skills and enjoy unique experiences outside the classroom environment.

Meanwhile, Year 10 students will be engaged in masterclasses aimed at enhancing their academic skills and building their academic resilience. These sessions are designed to prepare them for the challenges ahead in Year 11.

We believe that this enrichment day will provide valuable learning experiences for all our students and contribute to their overall personal and academic development. More details will follow soon.

CLASS CHARTS

I am delighted to share that almost all our families have downloaded Class Charts, our online tool for tracking homework, positive behaviours, and achievement. This valuable resource is helping you stay engaged in your child's education and provide the support they need.

If you haven't downloaded Class Charts yet, you are missing out on important updates and many positive points being added for our students. Please contact Mrs. Thomas for your login code.

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LEARNING HABIT - HOMEWORK

I would also like to remind you of the importance of homework completion. It is crucial that students complete their homework each week, ensuring it is done to a high standard and submitted on time. It has been amazing to see so many students take responsibility for their learning outside the classroom because we know that preparation and practice improve performance. Your support in reinforcing this message is much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support and for working with us to provide the best possible educational experience for the young people of Birkenhead. We remain committed to our efforts for continuous improvement.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Peter Mee Head of School