

8 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, can I take the opportunity to thank you for your support during what has been a hugely busy autumn term. Our drive to raise standards continues, and our school community continues to respond extremely positively to the school's high expectations. I am also pleased to share that our Year 10 students demonstrated remarkable positivity, ambition, and resilience during their mock assessments this week. Maintaining this level of commitment is crucial, as it lays the foundation for progression to their desired post-16 destination.

Chester Zoo Trip

I am delighted to share the success of our recent whole-school reward trip to Chester Zoo with our fantastic Year 7 and 8 students. Over the past couple of days, our students have demonstrated positive behaviour and left a lasting impression on members of the public and zoo staff. We have had numerous compliments, which have reaffirmed what we already know: our students are wonderful, and we are extremely proud of them. We will look forward to the same positive feedback when Year 9, 10, and 11 visit next week.

Family Fun night – Starting on Tuesday 9 January 4p.m. – 6p.m.

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our family fun night in January 2024, showcasing our commitment to supporting the community of Birkenhead. Our aim is to bring our school community together and will include a range of activities, including high intensity interval training (HIIT) classes, trampolining, exercise to music, table tennis, climbing, and supervised activities for under 5's, all free of charge. We want to ensure everyone can participate in the evening.

By opening our doors to the community, we are positioning the school as a central hub for support and engagement. I will look forward to seeing you all for a memorable, fun night starting on Tuesday, January 9th. Please contact our school games organiser, Mrs. Barnes, for further details and to book your place.

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Learning Habit: Attendance and Punctuality

I want to emphasise once again the importance of maintaining good attendance and punctuality up to the end of term on Friday, December 22. As I have reiterated in a previous letter, attendance remains our top priority. The link between good school attendance and positive outcomes is undeniable, often contributing to a successful and happy life for our students.

To further demonstrate this commitment, up to December 22nd, we are encouraging and celebrating 100% weekly attendance with a selection of prizes. I believe that instilling these habits will lay the foundation for academic success.

Parents' Evening Year 11

Thank you for attending the Year 11 Parents' Evening which took place yesterday. It was lovely to see so many supportive parents and carers, as well as our Year 11 students. We hope you found the evening informative in terms of revision strategies and gained an understanding of the extensive academic and pastoral support available for the final 85 school days before the start of the GCSE exams.

Parents' Evening Year 7 - 10

As shared in my previous letter, please find the dates for the Year 7–10 Parents' Evenings. For each year group, more detailed arrangements will be sent to you in the coming weeks. The timing of each event will be 4:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Year	Date
10	Thursday 11 January
9	Thursday 25 January
8	Thursday 8 February
7	Thursday 29 February

End of Day arrangements – Information for parents and carers who collect their child at the school gates

As per my letter dated November 23, 2023, we kindly request that all parents and carers pick up their children from the small gate next to the staff car park. This will allow you to easily identify your child from the other 760 children who are leaving at the same time. To facilitate a smooth process, our staff will guide parents and students to this designated area at the end of each school day. If you have any questions regarding this change, please do not hesitate to contact your child's year leader.

Download class charts and support

To help you stay informed about your child's progress, we encourage you to download Class Charts, our online tool for tracking homework, behaviour, and achievement. This valuable resource will help you stay engaged in your child's education and provide the support they need. Please contact Mrs. Thomas for your log-in code.

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End of Term arrangements

I am pleased to share that we have arranged a festive fun day for Friday, December 22nd. We have decided that this day will be a non-uniform day, and we would like staff and students to enter the Christmas spirit and wear something festive. Furthermore, school will also finish on this day at 12:30 p.m. There will be no school bus at this time, so parents and carers will be expected to make alternative arrangements if their child normally travels on this service.

Thank you for your support. Together, as a school community, we will continue to work together to provide outstanding opportunities our families.

Best wishes,



Peter Mee

Head of School