

25 June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a hugely successful summer half term 2, and we are very proud of our students. With less than 4 weeks to go until the summer holidays, they are continuing to work really hard at practicing our learning habits and upholding our school values.

# YEAR 7 - 10 EXAMS

Years 7–10 have had a positive start to the end-of-year exams. Please continue to support the school's expectation of 100% attendance. The feedback from colleagues is that students have been ambitious and that they have shown fantastic resilience in all their exams.

### **MOBILE PHONE FREE SCHOOL**

While we appreciate the value of mobile phones in today's world, they provide convenience and a sense of security, especially during the journey to and from school. However, we are also aware that mobile phones can be a significant distraction during school hours. Studies have shown that learning and social skills improve drastically when students are fully engaged with their teachers and classmates without the interruption of mobile devices.

With this in mind, we have made the decision to make our school a phone-free space starting in September. This initiative is aimed at supporting our students' well-being and enhancing their learning experience.

Please be reassured that we will implement a system to ensure students can continue to have their phones for use on the way to and from school. More details about this exciting new initiative will follow soon.

#### YEAR 6

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, and telling them much more about our school and the rapid journey of improvement we are on. Attendance and academic progress across the school are now strong, and we are continuing to focus on managing our strategies to ensure the best possible outcomes for the children of Birkenhead.



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## YEAR 11 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

We said the first of our farewells to the Year 11 cohort on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at their Year 11 leavers' assembly. Miss Gidman and Mr. Huyton both shared their memories of this amazing group of young people. It was an occasion with equal amounts of laughter and tears! We will look forward to them returning for the Year 11 awards afternoon in July. More details will follow in a separate letter to Year 11 parents and carers.

#### **CLASS OF 2024 PROM**

Year 11 students had their farewell prom last week, and it was a night that will live long in memory. Our students looked fantastic in their best outfits and created a really special atmosphere where lifelong memories were made. The Leasowe Castle Hotel staff mentioned how polite and respectful our students were and that we were the best-behaved school during their prom season. Our students continue to build a really positive reputation for themselves, and I couldn't be more proud of them.

# BLACKPOOL PLEASURE BEACH - TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY

It has been amazing to see so many students receive their invites for the Blackpool trip, as they have met the school's attendance and conduct expectations. I'm sure that they will all have a great time.

Finally, as always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

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