

Wednesday 21st October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach half term, I want to share some of the wonderful things our students have been doing and thank you for your support. From hard work in lessons to performances, visits and new experiences, there has been so much to celebrate since September.

This has been a special start to the year for our school community. Ofsted has recognised the transformation of our school, and we are delighted to have been shortlisted for 'Most Inspirational Secondary School' at the Educate Awards. Our summer GCSE results also placed us among the top five of 13 comparable non-selective Wirral schools for attainment. Behind these achievements are our students' efforts, our staff's dedication and the encouragement you give at home. We hope you share our pride.

In Key Stage 3, our younger students have settled into school life and embraced opportunities to try something new through Freshers Fair and our clubs. A particular thank-you to the Year 7 families who attended our recent settling-in evening—it was lovely to spend time with you, and to discuss your children's first weeks with us.

In Key Stage 4, our Year 11 students have been exploring their futures through a Careers Day, Mock Interviews and Absolute Chemistry hosted by LJMU. KS4 students will also benefit from a Loudspeaker visit on Thursday 22nd October, which will help them develop confidence and prepare for the challenges ahead.

Across our school, there have been many memorable moments. Our band performed at a local primary school and a former student, who now works on Netflix dramas, returned to deliver a special effects workshop. Students experienced a trip to Kraków, while others delivered powerful speeches celebrating Black History Month. It is a pleasure to see our young people sharing their talents, finding their voices and broadening their horizons.

We now have 300 students attending extracurricular activities, with more than 40 clubs to choose from. From karate to rehearsals for our school pantomime, students are developing new skills and enjoying being part of something together. If your child has yet to join a club, please encourage them to give one a try after half term.

There is plenty to celebrate in our everyday learning too: 93% of students are completing their homework each week. Homework helps students remember their learning and develop independence. Thank you for helping them establish this important habit.

Our BePART values—Positivity, Ambition, Resilience and Thoughtfulness—run through everything we do. We see them when students persevere with challenging work, encourage a friend or show kindness to someone who needs it.

These values also underpin our expectations. Wearing full school uniform with pride, following instructions and treating others with respect show that we care about our own special school community. These shared standards strengthen our sense of belonging and create the calm, purposeful atmosphere every student needs to learn well.

Please continue to support H.E.R.O.—Here Every Day, Ready and On Time. School starts promptly at 8.35am, and students should be in their form class by then, equipped and ready for the day.

A reminder that **Friday 23 October is an INSET day and school is closed to students**. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2 November**.

Thank you for your continued encouragement, trust and support. I hope you and your family enjoy a restful and happy half term.

Kind regards,



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