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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Welcome back to the new academic year! We are were so excited about welcoming our new students and inviting back all of our existing students, for what is already promising to be a very productive year.

During the summer holidays we were so proud to receive exam results for our former Year 11 and Post 16 students. 2018 was the most successful year to date. GCSEs achieved in Art were the highest number recorded for our school, Entry Level certificates showed some amazing progress for individuals and for our Post 16s entered for Level 1 accreditation, there was also unprecedented success. We look forward to inviting back our past students for our special presentation assembly in December. We're so proud of each individual journey and are already receiving updates about successful transitions to colleges and placements.

This week has seen the introduction of our special 'Intervention Day'. We have timetabled many of our therapeutic approaches to run simultaneously on a Friday to really see an impact and momentum in shared practice and student outcomes. This means that Jude Cookson, our OT, who many of you have liaised with previously will now be available on Fridays (not Monday's). We look forward to updating you on these successes very soon.

Planning for our annual open event is currently underway. We have a provisional date of Monday 1st October 2:30pm, but we're awaiting confirmation on a few points first, so date may be subject to change.

Following on from last year's success with music and our signing choir, a performing arts club is now running every Thursday lunch time, with a planned event anticipated for December. Mr Balson, Mrs Thompson & Ms Rees are running this and look forward to sharing news about this in the coming weeks.

A huge thank you for all the support I received for my Alder Hey fundraiser in August. The abseil down Liverpool Cathedral went well, although there were a few nerves (especially going over the top – initial shock!). I received many wonderful messages of support and managed to raise over £550 (gift aid included). I know Alder Hey is a charity important to many at our school.

Warmest regards,

Mrs C Austin

