

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We wish the very best of luck to the pupils in Year 11 and Year 13 who today start their external exams. We are confident they have been given the support and advice required in School and hope they have matched their effort and application in School with a concerted approach to revision at home too. The exams have come upon us quickly and obviously the next month is a challenging time for all involved. Your continued support of those preparing for these very important exams at home is really appreciated.

### **Core Masterclasses for Year 11**

The 'Masterclasses' were really well attended by pupils in Year 11 last week. Could I take this opportunity to thank the Maths and English staff for coordinating the extra sessions. The feedback we have received from pupils were that the 'Masterclasses' were really useful in supporting their revision. Mrs Webster has coordinated a series of 'booster' activities to give some last minute support for each of the GCSE exams over the next 5 weeks. Although Year 11 will be in School as usual, if they have an exam, they will be able to attend a final revision session prior to the exam to give some extra advice and support. Pupils have now received their timetable incorporating the 'booster' sessions, as well as the exam timetable.



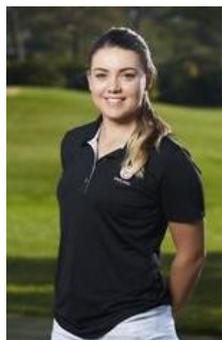
### **Exams for all other Year groups**

The Heads of Year across Years 7-10 will this week send home details about their forthcoming internal exams in School. You should receive information about the exam schedule, what they are expected to know for these exams and tips to help them revise. Please discuss these exams with your child and support us by ensuring they are giving at least 2 hours per evening up to personal revision. For some of our pupils this will be a challenge, but good study habits are essential at a time when external examinations are a higher priority. Practicing good revision techniques and habits will only help pupils secure these habits and reinforce what they will need to do to be successful at terminal exams, at the end of both Year 11 and Year 13. This information will be emailed out later this week.



### **Even in the Rain**

Pupils again last Friday were not put off by the rain and took to the local streets to undertake a real community service in 'litter picking'. The pupils were given no special incentives to get on with it in the rain and it is really pleasing to see they are really taking pride in supporting the local community in this activity. Thank you again to Mr Evans and the team of pupils involved.



### **Pupil Achievement Update**

It was great to hear that one of our ex pupils, Gemma Clews last week won the Wales Womens' Amateur Golf Championships. This is a fantastic achievement and Gemma is quickly moving through the amateur ranks with a steely determination to make it to the top level as a professional in the game. Gemma is a wonderful golfer and sporting role model. She has a fantastic attitude to practice and is completely focused on her goal, which we are confident she will achieve. We continue to watch her progress with great interest – well done Gemma!

Well done to the Year 11 football team who have made it through the Trafford Cup final after beating Blessed Thomas Holford 2-1. Well done to the team on getting through to the finals. We will keep you up to date with the final results. Good Luck.

Well done to the Year 10 PE leaders who secured £2000 to start a Roller Disco at School. The aim is to offer alternative activities to increase participation and keep pupils active. After the success of the Jump Nation Club, Greater Manchester Sport were so impressed they came to speak to our leaders for more ideas. After they completed the application process, they received a £2000 grant to start the Roller Disco. The School hosted a 'one off' session to promote the club and get ready to start regular Roller Discos in September 2017. Ashton on Mersey have linked up



with a local company 'Flowskate' who already run established sessions at Sale Leisure Centre on Fridays and AOM Fitness Centre on Sundays. We were delighted that 52 pupils attended the free session, a number with their own skates that light up as they go. It was a fantastic event with a great atmosphere and plenty of enthusiasm from pupils and staff. Thank you to the Year 10 PE leaders and Flowskate. We look forward to more Roller Discos throughout the year.

Well done also to Carla Salt in Year 7, who swam at the Trafford Club swim meet. She achieved 2 Gold medals (50m Butterfly and 100M Backstroke) 3 Silver Medals (100m & 50m free style and 50m backstroke) and a Bronze medal (50m breaststroke). Carla finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall from 250 swimmers. Well done Carla, fantastic achievement.

Well done also to Edward Kesteven, Year 7 who came first at the Alderley Edge Music Festival 2 weeks ago in his 'Guitar' Competition. Well done Edward on a great achievement.

### **Krakow Trip 2018**

Places for the 2018 Krakow-Auschwitz visit are now available via ParentPay. The total cost of the trip is £595, which includes flights, full board, visits to historical sites and leisure activities. The required deposit is £115 followed by monthly payments of £80 from June to November. Previous visits have been very successful with excellent feedback from pupils who have described it as a 'once in a lifetime experience.' It is an important and powerful exploration of the Holocaust and is open primarily to Religious Studies and History pupils from Year 10 (Year 11 during the visit) and Year 12. Pupils or parents can speak to Mr Gallagher for further details. Letters are also available from Miss Ellis and Student Services.

### **Year 10 Food Nutrition**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, the Year 10 'Food Preparation and Nutrition' cohort were treated to a talk from a guest speaker. Danielle Bretherton, the company nutritionist from Mellors Catering Services (our in house school canteen caterers) came to talk to the pupils about nutrition and possible career paths that it could lead to. Pupils were able to see and make links between things they do in the classroom and how that relates to real life situations in Danielle's job, and other jobs that relate to the food industry. They were given a real insight into how food products are designed and developed for the School canteen and this will prove very beneficial as the pupils design and develop their own meals, for their coursework next year.



### **Additional Dates for your diary**

- 15<sup>th</sup> May – GCSE Exams Start
- 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 26<sup>th</sup> May – Year 8 & 9 Class tests (Not including Maths, Science or English)
- 25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May – Catalonia Trip
- 26<sup>th</sup> May – School Closes
- 5<sup>th</sup> June – School Opens 8.30am
- 5<sup>th</sup> June – 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 7 In-class tests
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June – Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June – Year 7 Camp
- 15<sup>th</sup> June – Bungalow and Stem Parent Evening 4pm – 7pm Sixth Form

We do hope you find the weekly letter informative. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact reception and we will endeavour to deal with them promptly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Aidan Moloney'.

**Mr A Moloney**  
**Headteacher**