

Dear Parents/Carers,

The exam season is now drawing to a close, with the last GCSE exam taking place today. We hope all the pupils who have been studying hard over the last few months have a well-deserved rest and that the summer sun shines bright for them in the next two months before we receive exam results at the end of August. The pupils have certainly showed us their appetite to succeed in the past term and we hope they reap the rewards of their hard work when they receive their results. We look forward to celebrating with Year 11 again in two weeks' time at the Prom.

Internal exams are nearly complete and staff are busy collating our end of term reports which will be sent home over the next few weeks. The next few weeks includes a number of extra school activities which pupils will certainly benefit from participating in and the curriculum is still being delivered across the school, so it is vital that pupils maximise their attendance and punctuality and not miss vital learning over the remaining few weeks. Please do not allow your child to take time off unnecessarily during the final weeks. Excellent attendance and punctuality have a real correlation to exam success and we cannot afford for pupils to slip behind at this vital time of the year. Thank you for your support in this matter.

INSET day Friday

On Friday this week (30th June) the school will be closed to pupils as we have our annual summer INSET day for staff, who will be in school working on developing our school improvement priorities for the forthcoming year.

GCSE Art exhibition

Last week, the Art department held their annual GCSE exhibition in the Art classrooms. The standard of work visible was fantastic and reflected really well on the efforts made by staff and pupils together during the last 2 years. Pupil performance in Art continues to be of an outstanding nature and what is very clear is the commitment displayed to learning in Art by both pupils and their teachers. Thank you to Miss Livesey, Miss Cockayne and Mrs Wild for organising the opportunity and Mr Howe for his GCSE Photography contributions that were also wonderful. Many parents turned up to see the work on display and gave us excellent feedback on the exhibition- thank you to those parents who were able to support the school last week by attending.

Year 6 curriculum week

Last week we welcomed our new Year 6 pupils into school for their Curriculum Induction Week. Each day two groups of eager pupils were treated to secondary school lessons taught by our experienced staff. Pupils enjoyed blowing hydrogen balloons up in Science and conducting flame tests, making and eating fruit kebabs in Food Tech, taking part in sports lessons and completing ICT or Spanish projects. All the pupils had a wonderful time and are eager to return on Thursday 6th July where they will all meet as a whole year group for the Pastoral Induction Day.

Sports Day

Sport Day will be held on Tuesday 4th July, weather permitting. All pupils will be taking part and should therefore arrive at school in their full PE kit, including shorts. Pupils will not be permitted to wear hooded tops during the school day. If the weather is still warm, please make sure your child has plenty of water, sunscreen and a hat, as they will be spending most of their time outside. We wish them all well and will share the outcomes of the day in a few weeks' time.

Sports Awards

Each year we mark the fantastic sporting achievements of our pupils at our annual Sports Awards Evening. Pupils from all year groups are recognised for their contribution to sports and representing Ashton on Mersey School at numerous sporting events. Pupils are invited to attend the awards ceremony and letters have now been sent out. We look forward to seeing many of you on the evening along with our special guests. Sports Awards will take place on Thursday 13th July, beginning at 7.30pm in the Sports Hall.

School Uniform

Please can I remind parents that from September, girls will be expected to wear the new black box pleated skirt. The skirt is available from both our suppliers Petites Mode in Sale and John McHugh in Stretford. The new skirt is compulsory for Year 7 and Year 10, the remaining year groups will have 12 months to buy the skirt. Please note, the grey skirt can no longer be purchased. The feedback we have had from the pupils has all been very positive and we hope parents will agree, they will look very smart in the new skirts.



Additional Dates for your diary

- 30th June – INSET Day : School closed for all pupils
- 4th July – Sports Day
- 6th July – Year 6 Induction day & Parent’s Evening
- 7th July – Year 11 Prom
- 10th – 14th July – Year 10 Work Experience Week
- 13th July – Sports Awards Evening
- 14th July – Rewards Day
- 20th July – School closes for summer (12 noon)
- 23rd July – 1st August – South Africa Trip
- 21st – 26th July – Holland Cycle Trip
- 6th – 14th August – Med Watersports Trip
- 17th August – A Level Results Day
- 24th August – GCSE Results Day
- 5th September – School Opens

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



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