



Dear Parent/Carer

24 May 2017



The purpose of this newsletter is above anything to share with you all our positive stories and messages, involve you in your son's school life and hopefully make you an integral part of our journey.

This week, however, I cannot start this newsletter without mentioning the dreadful events that occurred in Manchester on Monday night. We were lucky that although some members of our school community were at the concert, none of them were among the casualties. As a sign of respect we held a minute of reflection and silence yesterday and we will continue to fly our flag at half mast for the rest of the week. It doesn't even seem possible to that anyone could choose as a target a crowd that would consist mainly of children and teenagers, but in our justifiably angry reaction to such a horrific attack it is vital that we hang on to all those values that hold us together. Our school community proudly consists of staff and students from many countries (France, Poland, Morocco, Latvia, and many others), religions (Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Jewish) and backgrounds.

At a time when some are trying to split our communities and pitch them against each other, these shared values of democracy, respect, tolerance and the rule of law are what will keep us together and make sure that the rule of terror will never prevail.

This is the message that we have tried to reinforce in assembly and in forms and will continue to communicate. This is the spirit in which I extend my best wishes to all our Muslim students and their families as they embark on their celebrations for the holy month of Ramadan and I wish all of our school community a restful and peaceful half term holiday.

YEAR 11

Please note that Year 11 students will be dismissed from school at **midday on Friday 26th May** and may use the afternoon for home study. I am hoping to have hoodies and yearbooks to give out to the boys just before they depart. Friday is also the deadline for reply slips and money for the Leaver's Prom. Mrs Jeffery

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

From 1st June 2017 uniforms will no longer be available directly from the School and the on-site uniform shop will be closed with all stock removed from the School.

From 8th June 2017 there will be a link on the School's website at 'Our School Shop' to our uniform supplier, Kitted Out Ltd, where all uniforms can be ordered and paid for.

Kitted Out will deliver uniforms that have been ordered to the school for distribution to students or to be collected by parents/carers from the school house at designated times. There will also be an option for uniforms to be posted to home addresses if that is more convenient.

During the summer break, so that uniforms can be chosen, tried on and ordered, Kitted Out will be on-site, in the School dining room or School house, on the following dates and times:

Wednesday 19th July – dining room 1pm to 4pm

Saturday 29th July – dining room 10am to 4pm

Monday 31st July to Tuesday 1st August – dining room 10am to 2:30pm

Wednesday 16th August to Friday 18th August – dining room 10am to 2:30pm

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Kitted Out are an experienced uniform supplier and provide uniform services to a number of other schools in the Merseyside area. The School and Kitted Out are working in partnership to provide a more efficient and convenient uniform service, whilst also keeping prices as low as possible.

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The School will no longer hold any uniform stock and will not be able to sell uniforms or collect payments. All enquiries and issues regarding uniforms must be discussed with Kitted Out Ltd by contacting them via their website at www.kittedoutschoolwear.co.uk or by telephone at 0151 920 9020.

Mrs Smith

YEAR 7 AND 8 INTERNAL EXAMS

The first 2 weeks after the half term are very important for our Year 7 and 8 students, as they will be sitting their internal exams. Attached to the Wednesday letter, is a copy of the exam timetables, which was handed out to all students and emailed to parents earlier this half term. We hope this helps you monitor the exams your son is completing. Please encourage your son to spend time over the next few weeks, preparing for these exams. Good luck to all our Year 7 and 8 boys!

Mrs Duffy

SCIENCE QUIZ LEAGUE REMINDER

All KS4 students should complete the latest Show My Home Work quizzes set by the science department by Friday 26/05/17 (Chemistry quizzes set by Mrs Woodley). You can also still complete any of the other quizzes set previously irrespective of deadline. Good luck!

Ms Flood

PE AND SPORTS NEWS

Silver Sports Ambassadors

Sol Palmer, Elliot Berisha, Ben Gaskell and Henry Etheridge were selected to represent the school in the Silver Sports Ambassadors training day. The training day took place at Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre on Wednesday 17th May 2017. The day included some training, practical delivery and a key note speech from Ex England and Everton Goal Keeper Rachel Brown. A fantastic day and some excellent ideas to bring back to school. The boys have signed up for the Sky Sports for Living for Sport which will entitle the school for a loyalty visit from Rachel Finnis-Brown, who will be visiting the school on Thursday, so the boys can complete a sport related project.



Kyle Joseph

Congratulations to Year 10 pupil Kyle Joseph who has accepted a scholarship at Wigan Athletic Football Club u15's which will see him keep him at Wigan for the next two years at least. Hopefully he can bring some of his good form for Birkdale next year. Good luck Kyle. We will keep an eye on how he develops in the future.

Mr Keary

Sefton Schoolboys u14's

Congratulations to Year 9 pupils Ryan Graham and Robbie Jackson who were part of the Sefton Schoolboys u14 team which won the county league. Well done boys.

Mr Keary

Year 7 Cricket

The Year 7 Cricket Team continued their excellent unbeaten start to the season with a trip to St Edwards College, Liverpool in Round 2 of the Lancashire Cup. Missing a couple of players who were representing Sefton that day meant that the batting and bowling line up had to be altered and Jamie Brown stepped in as captain. Birkdale lost the toss and were put into bat. A strong start was made by the opening pair assisted by the middle order batsmen. Edward Sinclair batting exceptionally well and scored 27 not out when he had to retire. Adam Dimba also produced his best batting performance of the year scoring 16 before being caught. Birkdale finished on 117-2 from their 16 overs. St Edwards came into bat knowing they had to reach this impressive score and struggled to achieve

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the run rate required. Wickets were hard to come by during the game but the bowling man of the match was awarded to Leon Jones who finished on 1 wicket for 3 runs. Birkdale won the game by 33 runs and progress onto the next round against St Margaret's. The game will be at Birkdale and due to be played before 10th June. The Year 7 Team are playing at Bolton School on Thursday which will be their toughest challenge so far. Good luck to all the boys involved.

Mr Thorne

Year 8 Inter-form Basketball Shootout Competition

The first Year 8 inter-form competition of the term took place on Thursday 18 May 2017 during lunchtime and included a Basketball Shootout Competition. The goal of each of our inter-form competitions is to encourage every boy in the year to get involved in an attempt to achieve a 100% participation rate and provide a healthy competition between the form groups. Penalty points were given for every non-attende. However, form teachers were able to achieve bonus points for their respective forms. Well done to the sports leaders Elliot Berisha, Henry Etheridge, Sol Palmer, Ben Gaskell, Tom Porter and Lewis Ball. A final well done to the form groups and form tutors who participated the scoring was as follows:

Form	No of boys	% Attendance	Points	Position	Year %
8JQ	14/29	48%	50	2=	65.4%
8EZM	26/26	100%	54	1	
8DAW	12/22	54%	47	4	
8JCB	25/29	86%	50	2=	
8JCS	11/28	39%	53	3	



'KEEP YOUR HEAD, GET A HELMET' INITIATIVE AWARENESS DAY - SATURDAY 8 JULY 2017

Southport Meols Rotary and Tesco are holding an initiative awareness day on Saturday 8 July 2017 in Tesco car park to raise awareness of safety when riding bicycles. For further information, please contact David Hartley on dhrotary195@gmail.com

Yours faithfully

Mr G Bourgade
Headteacher

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UNIFORMS

FROM 1ST JUNE 2017 OUR ON-SITE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED AND NO UNIFORM STOCK WILL BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL.

FROM 8TH JUNE 2017 ALL UNIFORMS WILL NEED BE ORDERED THROUGH OUR UNIFORM SUPPLIER - KITTED OUT LTD USING THE LINK ON OUR WEBSITE TO OUR SCHOOL SHOP.

ORDERED UNIFORMS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL BY KITTED OUT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO STUDENTS, OR COLLECTION BY PARENTS/CARERS AT DESIGNATED TIMES. ALTERNATIVELY, UNIFORMS CAN BE POSTED DIRECTLY TO HOME ADDRESSES

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Years 7 Internal Examinations Timetable 2017

Period 1 Subject	Period 2 Subject	Period 3 Subject	Date			Period 4 Subject	Period 5 Subject
		RE - ALL	Week 1	Monday	5th June		
		French - ALL	Week 1	Tuesday	6th June		
		Science - ALL	Week 1	Wednesday	7th June	Spanish - ALL	
			Week 1	Thursday	8th June	Maths - ALL	Maths - ALL
	Computing - ALL		Week 1	Friday	9th June		
			Week 2	Monday	12th June		
		Geography - 7TA History - 7TF	Week 2	Tuesday	13th June	Geography - 7TE History - 7TB	
Geography - 7TD		History - 7TD	Week 2	Wednesday	14th June		
Geography - 7TC History - 7TA			Week 2	Thursday	15th June	English - ALL	English - ALL
History - 7TC & 7TE	Geography - 7TB		Week 2	Friday	16th June	Geography - 7TF	

English, maths, science and RE exams will take place in the media hall or Diploma Building.
History, Geography, Computing, French and Spanish will take place in your normal timetabled lesson.

Years 8 Internal Examinations Timetable 2017

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Geography - 8TE History - 8TA		Spanish - ALL	Week 1	Monday	5th June		
Geography - 8TB History - 8TC			Week 1	Tuesday	6th June		
	French - ALL		Week 1	Wednesday	7th June		Geography - 8TD
		Science - ALL	Week 1	Thursday	8th June		
Geography - 8TA History - 8TD & 8TE	History - 8TB		Week 1	Friday	9th June		Geography - 8TC
			Week 2	Monday	12th June	English - ALL	English - ALL
			Week 2	Tuesday	13th June		
Computing - ALL			Week 2	Wednesday	14th June		
Maths - ALL	Maths - ALL	RE - ALL	Week 2	Thursday	15th June		
			Week 2	Friday	16th June		

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