



# The COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL *Leftwich*

## Achieving Excellence

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to write to you with an update of life at school since we returned in September and the excellent start that students have made. Assemblies have focused on **Achieving Excellence** through considering how our core values of Aspiration, Kindness and Pride support this purpose. We have also shared lots of examples on Twitter and Facebook so that you can see these qualities in action.

### **Aspiration** - *Aim high, dream big*

We have provided a range of opportunities both within the classroom and beyond so that students are ready to learn and be the best version of themselves:

- Examples of the fantastic learning opportunities can now be seen on the walls around the school and on our website.
- Students have represented school impressively in a variety of sports and musical opportunities.
- We have held the Achieving Excellence evening for Years 8-11 where students were awarded their platinum badges and Student Leaders in Year 11 received their ties.
- Our Careers Fair on Wednesday 12th October supports students' plans for their future.
- Year 11, The Class of 2022, embodied 'aim high, dream big.' Our **progress 8 figure from the DfE of +0.54** for all students, shows that students at Leftwich *on average* made over half a grade *more* progress than schools nationally which is '*well above average*'. These outstanding outcomes demonstrate our aspiration for all students and reflect the highest quality education and caring environment that we provide to ensure these results. Please see the website for further details.
- **Year 11 Information Evening** on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October outlined how we are preparing and supporting our current students to achieve excellence in their exams next summer.

### **Kindness** - *caring for yourself and others ('No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted'.)*

I have talked about Kindness in assemblies this term and how it is a key part in ensuring that we are happy, respectful and safe.

- As students enter the hall, they have looked at images of learning and kindness from lessons and enrichment opportunities.



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- I shared the examples of Sir John Timpson's kindness and of Sebbie, a teenager with disabilities, who raised money through random acts of kindness. We set ourselves the challenge of passing on acts of kindness to each other.
- We also reflected on the kindness and leadership of Queen Elizabeth II and the loyalty, love and respect that she demonstrated.
- As a kindness to neighbours and to each other, please could we encourage parents and carers that if you are **dropping off/collecting** your child by car, doing this on the road outside school leads to severe congestion. For safety reasons, please do not park on our school grounds, on the grass verges or across our neighbours' drives. If you are able to park a short distance away, this will be very helpful in easing the congestion and ensuring that all students are able to arrive and leave school safely.

### **Pride - in who you are and the success of others**

We have had a number of reasons to feel proud and to celebrate success this term:

- In assembly we looked at Alice Tai, a British para swimmer who triumphed despite many challenges, who is an example to us all.
- I have loved meeting with a number of students this term who have been nominated to attend the **Head's breakfast** for achieving excellence in a variety of ways.
- **Open Evening** was very well attended which gave us the opportunity to celebrate our successes and to outline our values as a school. Visitors said that they found the evening 'engaging' and that our 'students are a credit' to us. We look forward to welcoming year 6 students later in the year.
- **Year 7 Information Evening** was very well attended and appreciated. The questionnaires completed by parents and carers were very positive in their feedback about how well their children had settled in.
- **Year 6 Explorers** from Charles Darwin have been exploring Science, Maths and English projects. We look forward to welcoming Davenham, Antrobus, Comberbach and Great Budworth next half-term.
- **Nineteen staff**, in their own time, are completing National Professional Qualifications (NPOs.) The challenging study required will enhance our Teaching and Learning provision for students and enhance the Leadership we can provide within the School and Foundation. Thank you to Mr Smith who spoke to staff from across the Foundation about his experiences of completing the qualification.

### **Staffing Update**

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Croson who has joined us as a Music teacher and Mrs Wong who will join us as a Learning Support Assistant. Mrs Medland and Mrs Delaney will begin new roles within the school as Educational Support Workers (ESW).

Finally, thank you for your support this half-term. We are very proud of our values and core purpose that focus on achieving excellence and securing success that is built to last for students and staff.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Warburton  
Headteacher

