

Achieving Excellence

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the academic year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to express our thanks to each and every one of you for your support and commitment to our school community. It has been a remarkable year, filled with growth, achievements, and cherished memories.

Our students have shown incredible resilience and adaptability in navigating the challenges of the year, and we are immensely proud of their many accomplishments. This half-term, we have:

- Maintained calm, purposeful and engaging lessons, completed ST exams, held progress evenings and sent home reports.
- The new building has continued to grow around us and room movements are in full swing.
- We've said goodbye to Year 11, hello to Year 6 and managed to squeeze in sports days.
- We had a wonderful summer concert, careers days for each year, a Duke of Edinburgh expedition, a Maths feast, a trip to Menai and won a STEM competition with a trip to RAF Cosford next week.
- We have awarded platinum badges, appointed our Junior Leadership Team, said thank you to all year groups in assemblies and students have taken the time to write postcards, thanking many staff for the acts of kindness that have been shown.

It has been lovely to see our students' aspirations for themselves and their pride in being part of this school community. Please look at this [sway](#) for our highlights.

Thank you to staff:

I'd like to extend my sincere appreciation to our dedicated team of teachers and staff who have gone above and beyond to provide an enriching and nurturing learning environment for our students. Their passion and commitment have been instrumental in shaping the success of our school year.

We have a few staff leaving us in the summer that I would like to say a particular thankyou to:

- Miss Younis – Learning Support Assistant for the year who will begin university.
- Mrs Ainscough - invigilator for several years and an invaluable cover supervisor for the last two years.
- Miss Smith – teacher of Religious Studies is excited to be following a new career away from teaching.
- Mr Walker - has been with us for 8 years and is excited by his promotion to Lead teacher of Maths at his new school.
- Mr Williams - has been a History teacher then second in History, working here for nine years. He leaves us to become Head of History.
- Mrs Blackburn – English teacher and Year Leader for Years 10 and 11 will become an Assistant Head Teacher at Middlewich.
- Miss Whitfield – Learning Leader for D&T is retiring after 25 years at CHSL. She has been a crucial part of the D&T department and of this school's success.

We wish all of our colleagues the very best for the future. We will miss them.

Summer Break:

During the summer break, we encourage you to take time to rest, relax, and enjoy those moments with each other as families. We look forward to welcoming our students back in the next academic year, rejuvenated and ready to embark on new adventures in learning. Whilst the school is closed, parts of the IT system will continue to be upgraded and our site team will be busy transforming classrooms and getting us ready to move into the new building. On **August 24th** we have **GCSE results day** when, from **9am**, Year 11 will collect their results. We will send a separate letter to Year 11 parents/carers with further details.

Routines we are Emphasising

We have continued to focus on the importance of punctuality to school and lessons and arriving fully equipped. We will continue with the trial around the changes to the school day next term and thank you to all parents, carers and students for their feedback. In order to make sure students get off to the best possible start in September, please can you ensure that your child arrives in full school uniform, equipped for school, in particular making sure they have a pen, pencil and ruler. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Charitable Donations

We are delighted with the money raised for Charity from Non-Uniform Days to support our local community and wider concerns that students have identified

Month	Charity Chosen	Year	Amount Raised	Total Raised
October	Senior Citizens Party	11	£785	
December	Save the Children	7	£633	£1,418
February	Turkey and Syria Earthquake Fund	8	£753	£2,171
Easter	Changing Lives Together: Cheshire Foodbank	9	£740	£2,911
May	Young Cheshire Carers	10	£709	£3,620
July	Cheshire Wildlife and Cheshire Wildlife Helpers	All	£515	£4,135

School Calendar:

- **Year 7** start school at **8.40** on **Tuesday 5th September**. This is to help transition Year 7 to High School more effectively. Year 10 Junior Leaders will support them throughout the day.
- **Years 8 to 11** will return to school at **8.40** on **Wednesday 6th September**.
- INSET and Open Evening on **Thursday 21st September**.

Community Support

In order to benefit the local community and to reflect our values, we are continuing to develop the charity work and community projects we support. Students have formed a Community Hub group to act as ambassadors for charity work. The Friends of CHSL has been launched to involve parents, carers and family in supporting this initiative and to benefit the local community and the school. If you would like to support, please find details [here](#). The school website signposts to local initiatives such as the food bank and our second-hand uniform shop. See [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely summer.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Warburton
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