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Dear Parents/Carers,

After a busy and successful autumn term, we are looking forward to Christmas and a restful break before we return in 2024. Students have continued to achieve excellence in all sorts of ways which I encourage you to see on the [Sway](#) and on [YouTube](#). At the end of the letter, we have also included feedback from the parent/carer workshop and an update from the student council.

### Highlights of Autumn Term 2

- **ST1** completed by Years 7, 8, 10 and 11. (See 'Guides to Success' for each subject at [KS3](#) and [GCSE](#).)
- **Sport:** Success in football, rugby, hockey, netball, table tennis and hill walking.
- **Activities:** Duke of Edinburgh – over 70 participants in Year 10; a group of Year 7 and 8 students visited the Children's Adventure Farm; Year 8 have been progressing at Northwich rowing; Year 8 went bowling; CHSL Ski Trip 2024 met with students and parents/carers ahead of their Easter visit to Italy.
- **Music:** The players visited Hebden Green; played as Davenham lights were switched on; performed at the Carol Concert at St Wilfrid's; provided carols at Davenham day-care centre; serenaded the official opening of the new block and entertained us all at the Christmas Concert.
- **Primary links:** Maths Challenge was won by Leftwich; we held a hockey festival and basketball tournament and Explorers continued with Year 6.
- **Parent/Carer Links:** It was great to see lots of people attending Information Evenings for Years 7 and 10, the Parent/carer workshop and supporting the Friends of CHSL. (\*See end of letter 1.)
- **Student Voice:** Junior Leaders showed kindness in their mentoring; Student Ambassadors were articulate and thoughtful when they met SLT and governors. (\*See end of letter 2.)
- **Community:** We supported the Flu vaccination drive; entered the Christmas tree festival; Year 11 organised the Senior Citizens Party; and the community group staffed the pre-loved uniform shop.
- **Foundation:** The new building was officially opened and The Macclesfield Academy joined SJBF.

### Routines and expectations.

- **Attendance and Punctuality:** 'Every lesson counts; Every minute counts.' Well done to all students who have managed **95% or higher** attendance and punctuality. They are **key habits** and the most crucial factors in how students perform at school. If your child feels a little unwell, please encourage them to attend. With your permission, we can provide medication where appropriate.
- **Uniform:** Please ensure that your child meets our [uniform expectations](#). In particular, please make sure your child comes into school wearing a **tie** and with the required equipment, in particular a pen.

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## Dates for your diary

Date: Week Beginning	Event
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Students return to school Achieving Excellence Assemblies (Bronze Awards)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 9 ST1 assessments begin (2 weeks)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 School Photograph
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 8 Progress Evening (online)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 ST2 (3 weeks)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 10 Progress Evening (online)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	End of term

Have a restful break and we look forward to seeing students refreshed in 2024, ready to aim for 100% attendance and to achieve excellence.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Warburton  
Headteacher

### 1. Parent forum feedback

You said	We did
Year 7 parents – we would like more information about how our child has settled into high school...	...produced a settling-in report which will include an overview of attendance, behaviour and how they have settled into school.
We are finding the number of log ins difficult to manage...	..started to produce an overview for Year 7 parents/students with log in details for January 2024.
We don't know what all the Achieving Excellence points mean...	... prepared a guide to Achieving Excellence points which will be shared in the new year.
We don't always know where the best place to find revision materials is...	...sent out parent/carer guides to revision plus signposts on how best to revise in subjects. <a href="#">KS3</a> and <a href="#">GCSE</a>
My child doesn't always like going to the toilet in school...	... continued to increase staff presence in the toilets and the Student Council are working with staff and governors to make changes to the toilets.
There aren't always enough rooms for my child to go to at lunchtime...	... relaunching in the Spring Term 2024 with more enrichment options.

## 2. Student Council Update

Many thanks to all of the Tutor Ambassadors and Student Council who have worked this term on collecting student views and for making suggestions on how to continue to improve school life. Thanks to all students who have made sensible and well thought out suggestions too. On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, the Student Council met with the Senior Leadership Team, Site Manager and a Governor to present your ideas and solutions. The below is a summary of what was discussed. Mrs Kane

### **You said...**

The lower and upper toilets have some issues

### **...We did**

The Student Council ideas will go to the next Governors meeting.

**You said...**Some students would like to wear shorts in summer

**We did...**We will consult on tailored shorts being added to the uniform list in time for the start of the summer

**You said...**It would be good to have more rooms to go at lunchtime and more clubs to choose from, as well as a map so we know where to find enrichment

**We did...**A new enrichment map will be produced and staff have been asked whether they could open some more rooms for year groups and put on different clubs

**You said...**Can the Dance Studio be opened at lunch time?

**We did...** Yes - it will be opened on some more days next half term to trial how it goes

**You said...**Can we stay in PE kit if we have PE during Lesson 5

**We did...** Yes - we will try this and see how it goes.

**You said...**Can we have more details about the prices in the canteen?

**We did...** Yes - the Student Council will meet with the company that runs the canteen and feed back to students