



31 March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

## End of Half Term 4 letter

As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. It has been lovely to see so many parents/carers in school over this half term as we are able to offer more in-person events. We welcome feedback from our parents/carers and if you could find time to complete our short survey, that would be much appreciated. The link to the survey is here <https://forms.office.com/r/yMpcQMxJrp>

We recently launched the new EduLink One app which lets you check your daughter's homework, timetable, attendance and book Parents' Evening appointments etc. Over 500 parents have already started using it – if you haven't, please visit [www.edulinkone.com](http://www.edulinkone.com) using the school ID 'WRHS'. Choose 'RESET LOGIN' and enter your email address to be sent your login details. Please also encourage your daughter to use the app herself to check homework. Students use the 'Microsoft' option for logging in, then enter their usual school email address and password.

Over this half term our students have been able to take advantage of many opportunities available to them. Just two weeks ago we took all of our Year 12 students to the University of Central Lancashire and all of our Year 10 students to the University Academy 92 Manchester. Students were eager to join in the range of activities and to experience university life for the day.

We were also able to take over 250 students to the Opera House in Manchester to watch The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time and over 200 Year 10 students completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition this half term.

Our Deep Learning Day in March was a great success, with students engaging in a wide range of sessions, delivered by their teachers and external visitors including sessions on road safety, values, our community, as well as first aid and mindfulness.

Next half term will continue to be a busy one, with students preparing for their assessments and our Year 11 and 13 students preparing for their external examinations. We have a range of revision and support materials on our website. If your daughter needs some support please remember that she can also contact her Head of Year who will signpost her and support her.

Reading continues to be at the heart of everything we do at Whalley Range. Students across all year groups have had the opportunity to read different texts for both pleasure and progress, which has been demonstrated by the fact that most students' reading ages have increased faster than students' actual ages.

However, it is crucial that the fantastic enthusiasm and enjoyment that our students have shown for reading over the last few months is not lost over the half-term break. Your daughter should have the opportunity to read as often as possible and, as parents, there are lots of things that you can do to support your daughter's enjoyment of reading:

- Encourage your daughter to read a book for pleasure (this can be fiction or non-fiction). Perhaps she could borrow a book from the local library?
- Model reading aloud to your daughter
- Encourage your daughter to read aloud to you and ask her questions about the story and characters
- Encourage your daughter to create storyboards or reviews of books that she has enjoyed

Just setting aside 30 minutes each day for your daughter to read for pleasure could have a dramatic impact on her enjoyment of reading and her literacy skills.

We are now able to offer our students a free breakfast every morning between 8.00am and 8.20am. Breakfast is available in the Dining Room and all are welcome.

If you are looking for some activities for your daughter over the Easter holidays, you will find some information about what's happening for young people in Manchester here [School Holidays in Manchester - Guides - Loads to Do](#) and Manchester Active are offering (subject to availability) free swimming for under 17s <https://www.mcractive.com/news/free-swimming-in-manchester>

I know that we all have very high expectations of our students both in lessons and around school. It is important that students show self-responsibility in their day-to-day life in school and maintain our high standards in terms of behaviour, uniform and completion of homework. To support this, please continue to ensure that your daughter comes to school with her blazer, lanyard, school bag and stationery every day as this ensures a smart start to learning.

Please could I ask all parents/carers to park well away from the school and drive safely at all times near our school to keep our students and local community safe. Please encourage your daughter to walk to school wherever possible.

You will also find attached a letter from Manchester City Council regarding an increase in cases of scarlet fever including symptoms to look out for.

### Key Contact Information

If you would like to speak to someone about your daughter's progress, personal development or have any concerns, please contact your daughter's Year Office on one of the numbers given below:

	Head of Year	Year Co-ordinator	SLT Link
<b>Year 7</b> 0161 860 2976	Ms Saleem	Miss Kanor	Mr Mycock
<b>Year 8</b> 0161 860 2975	Miss Culkin-Smith	Mr Ellis-Scott	Mrs Zarar
<b>Year 9</b> 0161 860 2978	Mrs Collings	Miss Ennis	Mrs Barnes
<b>Year 10</b> 0161 860 2979	Miss Oliver	Mrs MacKenzie	Mr Parker
<b>Year 11</b>	Miss Wicikowski	Miss Carr	Mr Lea

0161 860 2977			
<b>Sixth Form</b> 0161 860 2984	Miss Costello (Head of Year 12) Mrs Maloney-Rock (Head of Year 13)	Miss Smith (Sixth Form Admin/Pastoral Support)	Mr Atkinson

**Covid-19 updated isolation information**

Please note that from 1 April, anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result will be advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be three days.

I would like to thank you again for your continued support and I hope that you and your family enjoy the half term holidays.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Fahey  
Academy Headteacher