



Whalley Range 11-18 High School

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Dear Parents & Carers

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 be able to see so many parents/carers in school over this half term at our parent/carer events. We are always interested in feedback from our parents/carers and if you could find the time to complete our short survey, that would be much appreciated. The link to the survey is here <https://forms.office.com/e/2gsU8XTgaB>

A reminder that students break up for the Easter holiday at 2.45 pm on Friday 31st March 2023 and return to school on Monday 17th April 2023.

Our app, EduLink One lets you check your daughter's homework, timetable, attendance and progress reports etc. Over 600 parents have already started using it – if you haven't, please visit 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.

This half term has been an action packed one with a wide range of trips, visits, and extra-curricular activities across all year groups. All of our Year 7 students visited a local farm to see the role of farming in food production. We have also welcomed a visiting speaker to Year 7 RE lessons, who spoke about Sikhism. A large number of our Year 8 students have been involved in a digital project with CISCO. A range of students have been involved with some drama work with Z Arts as well as an engineering workshop about HS2.

Almost 200 of our Year 10 students have successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award practice expedition over this half term. Congratulations to all of the students and thank you to the staff involved, without whom we would not be able to run such a big undertaking. Year 10 have also been developing their employability skills this half term whilst out on work experience.

Charity work has been at the forefront of our community work, with monies raised for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day and the Wood Street mission this half term.

Earlier this week we held a fantastic event at school as part of MACFEST - Muslim Arts and Culture Festival. Students read poems and shared presentations; the event's finale was a fantastic show of cultural dress.

Year 11 students have been working hard for their pre-public exams in preparation for the start of the exam season this summer. Our sixth form students are also preparing for their exams and students have attended A level Business and Health and Social Care conferences to support their learning.

As we move into the exam and assessment season, a reminder that we have a range of revision and support materials on our website. If your daughter needs any support, please remember that she can also always contact her Head of Year who will support her and signpost her to useful resources.

As ever, we have continued to promote and celebrate reading across school. However, it is crucial that all 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.

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.

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
Year 7 0161 860 2976	Miss Costello	Mr Mustafa	Mr Parker
Year 8 0161 860 2975	Mrs Saleem	Miss Kanor	Ms Zarar
Year 9 0161 860 2978	Mr Da Silva	Mr Ellis-Scott	Mrs Barnes
Year 10 0161 860 2979	Mrs Collings	Miss Ennis/Ms Carr	Mrs Plews
Year 11 0161 860 2977	Mrs Witt	Mrs Mackenzie/Ms Carr	Mr Lea
Sixth Form 0161 860 2984	Mrs Davies (Head of Year 12) Mrs Maloney-Rock (Head of Year 13)	Miss Smith (Sixth Form Admin/Pastoral Support)	Mr Mycock

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Fahey
Academy Headteacher