



Whalley Range 11-18 High School

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Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you are well and thank you for your ongoing support.

As we come towards the end of this half term, I would like to share some updates with you.

Students break up from school on **Friday 26th May** and return to school on **Monday 5th June**.

Please note that from September 2023 the school day will end at 3.00 pm, rather than 2.45 pm due to new guidelines from the Department for Education.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students are currently sitting their public examinations and students in Years 12 and 13 are completing their BTEC and Applied General courses. Our students are working hard to achieve the best results that they can for progression on to college, apprenticeship or University. Over the half term holidays we are providing some revision classes. If your daughter has been invited to one of the classes, please ensure that she attends as this extra support will be most helpful to her.

Students in all other year groups are also working hard in lessons and are preparing for their end of year exams.

It has been our pleasure to invite parents and carers of our Year 7 and Year 10 students into school over this half term to discuss their daughter's progress and we very much look forward to welcoming the parents and carers of our September 2023 Year 7 students for visits next half term.

Over this half term our school community has been incredibly busy outside the classroom too. In April our whole school community celebrated our multi-cultural day with the theme 'Everyone Belongs'. A group of our Year 9 and 10 students visited the University of Manchester for an Inspiring Women Conference. Students from across our year groups have had the opportunity to join in events at Old Trafford football ground, including a stadium tour and a day for our Year 10 Catering students working with the catering teams at MUFC. Students in our sixth form with aspirations to study medicine are joining our aspiring medical programme and our Year 7 and Year 8 students have attended a STEM event to develop their skills in science, technology, engineering and maths.

Alongside all of these activities our sports teams across all year groups continue to take part in a wide range of sporting fixtures including football and athletics.

This half term we have seen a fantastic Year 8 Oracy competition, led by our English and Science faculties and congratulations to Ayesha, Elyan, Yashika, Ariba, Aishah, Sumaya, Tenzin and Mariyam who were all winners in the competition.

Students from across the school have been busy raising money for charity, with a particular focus on the charity nominated by the family of one of our Year 11 students.

We are very much looking forward to inviting our September 2023 intake of Year 7 and Year 12 students to their induction days in July.

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As always, we thank you for your support with regard to student uniform. Students must ensure that they wear their lanyard and blazer, white school shirt and black skirt or school trousers, along with their school tie.

May I also take this opportunity to remind parents and carers to park well away from the school and drive safely at all times to keep our students and local community safe. In particular, I would like to highlight the importance of looking out for cyclists both whilst driving and when students are opening car doors at pick up and drop off. Please encourage your daughter to walk to school wherever possible.

I would like to thank you again for your continued support and I hope that you and your family enjoy the half term holidays. We look forward to seeing students back in school on Monday 5th June.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Fahey
Academy Headteacher