



13 February 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

Half Term 3 Letter

I hope that you and your family are well. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to parents, carers, students and staff for their ongoing hard work and support.

School closes for the February half term holiday at 2.45pm on Friday 14th February 2025 and we return to school at 8.30am on Monday 24th February 2025.

We have had a very busy half term since returning to school in January.

Summer Results

In January we have received our validated school results for Key stage 4 and we are really proud of how our students did and this is reflected in the table below where they are compared nationally.

	2024 cohort/ entries	Performance in 2024	2024 value	2024 nat value
Overall P8	236	Sig above national and 94th percentile	0.8	0.0
English P8	236	Sig above national and 93rd percentile	0.8	0.0
Mathematics P8	236	Sig above national and 77th percentile	0.3	0.0
EBacc P8	236	Sig above national and 98th percentile	1.2	0.0
Open P8	236	Sig above national and 90th percentile	0.7	0.0
Science VA	233	Sig above national and 92nd percentile	0.7	0.0
Humanities VA	214	Sig above national and 91st percentile	0.8	0.0
Languages VA	170	Sig above national and 98th percentile	2.0	0.0
Overall A8	264	Sig above national and 78th percentile	52	46
English A8	264	Sig above national and 77th percentile	11.0	9.8
EBacc A8	264	Sig above national and 86th percentile	16.4	13.4
Open A8	264	Sig above national and 76th percentile	15.1	13.5
English % 5+	262	Sig above national and 74th percentile	71	60
Science % 5+	261	Sig above national and 76th percentile	57	47
Humanities % 5+	232	Sig above national and 77th percentile	61	51
Languages % 5+	193	Sig above national and 90th percentile	84	58
English % 4+	262	Sig above national and 82nd percentile	88	74
Humanities % 4+	232	Sig above national and 78th percentile	75	63
Languages % 4+	193	Sig above national and 89th percentile	93	72



School production of Matilda

Our school production of Matilda was a roaring success, and it was great to see so many of our students involved through acting, singing, dancing as well as behind the stage which included lighting, sound, set design and makeup.



It was fantastic to see so many parents, carers and family members coming along to support their daughter in the production. We had a full house each night. All the students involved should be really proud of themselves!

Standards and expectations

We want to continue to maintain high standards so that your daughter is ready to learn. Part of this is ensuring that she comes to school in the correct uniform.

Please can you ensure, as we start a new half term, that your daughter always has the correct equipment with her. It is expected that she will have a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber as a minimum. Attached to this letter is a list of the correct equipment and uniform that is expected.

Excellent attendance to school is vital for all students to be successful, this link is for 'why attendance matters': <https://wrhs1118.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2023/03/wr-attendance-leaflet.pdf>

Reading

Reading continues to be at the heart of everything that 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 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
- For parents of year 7 students, you could also encourage your daughter to become one of our 'Bright Sparx', engaging with the wide range of fiction texts available through our new reading platform, Sparx Reader.

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.

Charity

Our amazing students have continued to raise money to support the **UNICEF's Gaza Appeal: Children in Crisis**. So far, they have raised **£2262.45** with more charity events planned in half term 4.

Year 11 have also organised a series of money raising events to support their Prom. So far, they have raised **£967.44**.

Sixth Form

The Sixth form team have worked hard in supporting the Year 13 students as they complete their UCAS forms for university. So far 90 applications have been submitted.

Year 11 students have been applying for college, and we are delighted once again to have received 444 applications to our Sixth Form, with many Year 11 students already having had their interviews. Any remaining Year 11 students who wish to apply, will need to complete a Late Application form and should contact the 6th form as soon as possible

Forthcoming events

Year 12 Parents Evening – 11th March (A prayer room will be set up for any students or parents who wish to pray during this evening)

Year 8 Parents Evening – 8th May

Year 10 Parents Evening – 20th May

Year 7 Parents Evening - 16th June



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

	Head of Year	Year Co-ordinator
Year 7 0161 860 2977	Mr Kavanagh	Mr Ellis-Scott
Year 8 0161 860 2976	Mrs Lynam	Mrs Mackenzie
Year 9 0161 860 2975	Mrs Kheratkar	Mr Mustafa
Year 10 0161 860 2978	Mrs Saleem	Ms Carr
Year 11 0161 860 2979	Mr Da Silva	Miss Drake Thomas
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)

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

Best wishes

Mr M Lea
Academy Headteacher
Whalley Range 11-18 High School

CHECKLIST: UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

All students should:

- Wear a school blazer at all times, including breaks and lunchtimes whilst in the school building
- Wear a white shirt
- Wear a school tie
- Wear black trousers or a skirt of school uniform style. Leggings, jeans-type leggings and jogging type trousers are not permitted.
- Wear a school jumper (optional) with logo
- Wear flat, black shoes or trainers with black soles and no colourful logos. Boots to the ankle may be worn
- Wear a plain, black headscarf (if one is worn); no tassels, sequins or embroidery (NB: only one headscarf to be worn)
- Wear school lanyard and swipecard at all times and be prepared to show it to any member of staff on request.
- Wear black or purple hair bands or bobbles or slides
- Wear only school issued badges
- Not wear any jewellery, except a watch
- Not wear make-up of any kind
- Not wear piercings
- Not wear false eyelashes
- Not wear nail polish or acrylic nails
- Not wear hair that is of an extreme style

The school P.E. kit is:

- Plain black tracksuit bottoms
- School collared PE shirt
- School long sleeved sports hoodie (optional)
- Trainers (any colour)
- Sports socks

Stationery list:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser

Link to Parent Pay shop (for tie, lanyards and swipecards)

<https://wrhs1118.co.uk/parents/parentpay>