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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. So much has been going on in school. The students have been fully engaged in their learning, embracing new challenges and exploring exciting activities.

# Year 11 Mock Exams

The Year 11 mock exams have taken place, and our students have impressed us with their resilience, determination, and positive attitudes. It's been wonderful to see how hard they've worked and how they've engaged with the challenges presented to them. Additionally, we've been delighted with their enthusiasm for Period 6 sessions. We encourage all students to keep attending these extra revision sessions to maximise their studies.

Well done, Year 11, we can't wait to celebrate your achievements on mock results day in January.

# Anthony Walker Foundation - Training Day 2

On Friday 29th November 2024, our new anti-racist ambassadors took part in an inspiring training session alongside students from across the Liverpool region at the Anthony Walker Foundation. The day was filled with engaging discussions and thought-provoking activities that allowed everyone to reflect on important issues surrounding equality and inclusion. We're absolutely delighted with how our students represented the school—showing not only enthusiasm but also a deep commitment to fostering a more equitable society. It was heart-warming to see their willingness to learn and advocate for change. Their passion for ensuring that everyone feels valued and respected truly makes us proud.

# Awards Evening

On Thursday, 28th November 2024, we had the pleasure of welcoming our ex-Year 11 students back to school for a delightful evening of celebration. It was lovely to see familiar faces as they came to receive their GCSE examination certificates and awards, marking a significant milestone in their academic journey. A massive congratulations to all the students for their remarkable accomplishments! We could not be prouder of your efforts and resilience. Remember, this is just the beginning, and we can't wait to hear about all the amazing things you will achieve in the future.

# **Reading**

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Curious Cat Book Fair, it was lovely to see both primary and secondary students engaging. Just a little reminder that students can access E-Platform over the holidays. If you would like to support your child logging on to access the platform follow this link: https://www.eplatform.co/gb/find-libraries/ and they can sign in using their school email and password.

There are a variety of free events offered at the Halton Lea Library for a range of Christmas themed activities. Please follow the link below to explore these: <u>https://library.haltonbc.info/saturday-squad-2/</u>





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# Christmas Fair / Bingo

It was wonderful to see so many families and children coming together to enjoy the festive activities.

The atmosphere was delightful, filled with laughter and the spirit of Christmas. From the homemade goodies to the array of exciting prizes in our Bingo sessions, each moment was a pleasure. Events like these are a wonderful opportunity for our school community to connect, and it was evident everyone had a wonderful time.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who attended and staff who volunteered their time and effort to make the evening a success. Your support and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated.

# Remaining Parent / Carer Evenings

Please find below the remaining dates for this academic year.

- Year 10 Parents Evening 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Year 9 Parents Evening 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Year 8 Parents Evening 24th April 2025
- Year 7 Parents Evening 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

# End of Term

School closes at 12:20pm (Secondary) / 12.30pm (Primary) on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Students who would like a hot or cold food option will be able to get this at break time.

# Start of Term

Students return to school on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 as below:

- 8.30am Year 7 and Year 11
- 9.25am Year 10
- 10.00am Year 8 & Year 9

I hope you enjoy a well-deserved Christmas break. The staff and I look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday, 6th January 2025, ready for another exciting term ahead. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Jardine Executive Principal

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