

21st December, 2021



Dear Parent/Carer

Parental update 80

I had anticipated that I would not need to write again this term, but there are a few matters that I thought it would be good to bring to your attention before we break up.

Farewell...

...to Mrs Lawton, who has been a valued member of our cleaning team for over 20 years, and who is retiring from service here at the end of term. We're very grateful for the commitment and hard work she's put in over the years – the pandemic has reminded all of us how vital the work of our cleaning team is – and send her every best wish for a long and happy retirement.

Thank you, Mrs L!

Staff absences

In common with many other schools across the country, we're experiencing quite high levels of staff absence at the moment (currently around 20% of our teachers are absent, with some subject areas more affected than others). Please bear with us if your son or daughter has been affected by teacher absence in the last couple of weeks, or if we're not able to respond to an incoming e-mail or 'phone-call as quickly as we might normally be able to.

Christmas Jumper Day

I'm delighted to be able to report that we had a very successful Christmas Jumper Day, with £300 being raised to support Save the Children. Thank you to everyone who supported the event – it's great that we've been able to raise such a significant total for such a worthy cause!

Support for Liverpool City Council residents entitled to Free School Meals

We have recently received some vouchers for distribution to Liverpool families who are entitled to Free School Meals. Our Office Manager, Mrs Deveney, will be sending these out shortly by post. Please let us know in the new term if you have any problems with them.

End-of-term

A reminder that tomorrow (Wednesday 22nd December) is a short, staggered day. Details about what time your son or daughter should be in school can be found in [Parental Update 79](#).

Next term

[Parental Update 79](#) also contains details about the staggered start to next term – if you would like your child to be Covid-tested onsite, please book a time-slot through [this link](#).

A calendar for next term is reproduced below. **Please could I particularly draw Year 9 parents' attention to the start of the GCSE Options process in January?** There's a meeting for all Year

9 parents to explain the process at 6pm on Thursday 6th January, and a full Year 9 Parents' Evening a week later, on Thursday 13th January. Given the current Covid situation, we've taken the decision to hold both of these events online; links to the meeting, and to the booking page for the Parents' Evening, will be sent out at the start of next term.

With my best wishes to all St Margaret's families for a peaceful, joyful Christmastide,

Yours faithfully



Stephen Brierley
Principal.

<i>Spring Term 2022</i>	
Wednesday 5th January	Spring Term Begins
Thursday 6th January	Year 9 Options Information Evening (online) (6pm to 7pm)
Thursday 13th January	Year 9 Parents' Evening (online) (4pm to 7pm)
Tuesday 18th January	Year 8 Learn to Earn Careers Event Year 11 Employability Interviews
Wednesday 19th January	Year 9 'Meet the Professionals' Careers event Year 12 Careers Fair
Thursday 20th January	Year 10 Employability masterclass Year 11 Employability Interviews
Friday 21st January	Year 7 'What's your Brand' Careers event
Tuesday 25th January	Year 11 Employability Interviews
Thursday 10th February	Sixth Form Open Evening
Monday 14th February	Revision materials available for Year 7/8/9/10 Targeted Assessments Year 11 Mock exams all week
Tuesday 15th February	Year 12 and Year 13 Parents' Evening (online) (4pm to 7pm)
Friday 18th February	Last day of the half-term
MONDAY 21st – FRIDAY 25th FEBRUARY – HALF TERM	
Monday 28th February	Year 11 Mock exams all week
Thursday 3rd March	Year 8 Parents' Evening (online) (4pm to 7pm)
Monday 7th March	Year 10 Work Experience (all week)
Monday 14th March	Year 7 and 8 Targeted Assessments all week
Monday 21st March	Year 9 and 10 Targeted Assessments all week
Wednesday 30th March	Second Year 11 Parents' Evening (on-site) (4pm to 7pm)
Friday 8th April	Last day of term