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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: End of summer term and start of Autumn term arrangements

I want to start this letter by thanking you for all your support over this year; can I ask you to pass on these thanks to your children as well. It has been an action-packed year with many amazing achievements: D of E has run across years 9 and 10, we took part in the cybercrime competition, our drama students took part in the National Theatre live competition in Crewe, and we have been on trips to the theatre and had visiting theatre productions into school. We have sent teams to UK Maths Challenge, regional chess finals, university open days, numerous sporting fixtures, even winning multiple Wirral cups including winning the Year 7 football and rugby cup winners, the Year 8 rugby plate winners and topped off with Year 9 being awarded the football team of the year by Wirral council. Students have been on numerous trips including the Year 7 residential, Barcelona, London, Geography field trips, Year 10 Alton Towers rewards trip and enjoyed a multitude of visits from outside speakers and workshops. We are also particularly proud of the work our student leadership team, including our student council, eco-team and mentors in violence prevention group who have worked hard to support their peers across the year. This was all concluded with a stunning prom for Year 11 at Thornton Hall to celebrate all they have achieved academically and more importantly personally throughout their school career.

We are proud of all our students, I am proud of all of them and feel it is a privilege to be the Headteacher at Pensby, where the students come in each day and work positively with staff and each other to make Pensby High School a positive, welcoming community. I feel privileged as Headteacher to say that I am surrounded on a daily basis by lovely students and staff who genuinely want the best for each other and are a credit to our community.

End of Term Arrangements

Term ends on Tuesday 23rd July 2024 at 12:30pm, food will be served at an extended breaktime. Students will finish at the end of lesson 3 at 12.30 pm and make their way home. Please be aware that the only buses available, will be normal service buses such as the 471; school buses will not be available at 12.30 – sorry for any inconvenience. Please ensure that students have alternative ways of making their way home. They can stay on site until 3.25pm, but I am sure that they would wish to start their summer holiday alongside their friends as the final bell of the year rings. If for any reason these arrangements present specific difficulties then please would you contact the school in advance so that appropriate provision can be made for your child.

KEY DATES:

Examination Results:

GCSE examination results will be available for students on **Thursday 22nd August 2024**, arrangements regarding this have already been emailed home.

Our Year 11 have had to deal with a significant amount of challenge throughout their secondary school journey including the COVID lockdowns when they were in Years 7 and 8: the vast majority have coped with these changes with resilience, good humour and have had a positive mindset despite the challenges they have faced and they are a credit to the staff, you as parents and carers and most importantly, themselves.

Arrangements for the start of term in September

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 - Year 7 students only are in school

Year 7 attend school from 8.35 am and go straight to the main school hall please.

Wednesday 4th September 2024

All students in ALL years return to school for normal start time – 8.35am on site, to be in form rooms by 8.40am.

As we return to school I would be grateful if you would ensure that we have the correct uniform and equipment ready to start the new school. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated. Full details of the school uniform can be found on the school website: [Uniform Information - Pensby High School](#) Please note students are expected to wear school skirts of a length suitable for office dress, not stretchy skirts please and shoes must be proper school shoes not the trainer hybrid which are sometimes sold in shops. Students are allowed two stud earrings, not hoops, and no nose piercings. The tone for the year is set in those first few weeks back and we know that being punctual, prepared to learn and dressed in appropriate uniform, all help to secure a positive attitude towards education and a commitment to succeed which carries students through the long term ahead. Uniform is important for a shared sense of community, an obvious pride in who we are as individuals and the school we go to, but at an even more basic level it is about routines and preparation. If we cannot put a pair of shoes on, or we want to argue about the length of a skirt, this tends to be a precursor to arguing about lessons and learning. I have to say that our students do, on the whole, look great and they take this into everything they do at school and it is a testimony to the effort that you put in as parents and carers, I am grateful, thank you.

You are absolutely key in setting the tone: I cannot overstate the importance your support plays in the success of our children, but I do though understand that now more than ever some families may need help. Fuss Wirral can help support families: <https://wirralfuss.co.uk/> and I have a small discretionary fund to help as well, please ask and we will try our best. Can I also ask that if you have uniform that another family can make use of, you donate to FUSS, either directly or if you bring it into school we can pass it on. In the same spirit of support, can I also remind everyone that we do have breakfast club in the morning, students can get breakfast and there is no charge. As a school we also employ a 'family advocate' – Di Challinor, Di can support in terms of relationships with school and education, but Di can also signpost and support wider needs, seek benefit support, advice on housing and health needs for the whole family, not just the children at our school.

I would also ask that again we refocus on attendance and punctuality please. School starts promptly each morning at 8:40am. Students need to be in school and at their classroom by this time. Being prompt to school each morning helps engender routines that we take into adulthood and prepare us for life and work. The 10 minutes with their form tutor helps check they are ready to learn and to settle any issues before learning starts, it is a vital part of the day.

Your engagement with your child's education, asking them questions, challenging them to do better and the interest you show are a huge part of their success. We cannot as parents 'fix' things for our children, we cannot do the learning for them, but I promise you that your children tell us about the difference your interest in them and their learning makes to them.

I am proud and privileged to have the opportunity to lead the school your children attend. They are a credit to you and themselves, we are all immensely proud of them and they deserve a good summer, as do you.

I hope that you have a lovely summer and enjoy all the time you have together as a family.

Yours sincerely



Mr K Flanagan
Headteacher