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Dear Parent/Carer,

Parental Update 30

I hope you and your family were able to have a restful and enjoyable half term break and that it involved less dust noise and disruption than mine as the builders at home appear to be recreating the last dusty days of Pompeii.

In school this week we have hit the ground running with our new approach to mobile phones, Year 11 students having their 'last' day, mixed joy in our footballing fixtures, begun the Year 7-10 assessments, had our 1719 Society run the Speaking Competition trials to decide who will represent us in the Archdiocesan competition and last night held a wonderful and well attended Art Exhibition for the work of our Year 11 GCSE students.

Weekly School Focus: SLT

The final group of staff I wanted to cover are the Senior Leadership Team. These are the staff that make all the operational decisions to keep the school running. I am very lucky to have a very strong team of SLT with great experience and a passion for our school and the students within it.

I have recently made changes to the structure of the team and the new team now consists of: Headteacher (me)/2 Deputy Headteachers (Mrs Mulhall and Ms Flaherty)/5 Assistant Headteachers (Mr Hale, Mrs Wellens, Mrs De'Ath, Mr Fletcher and Mrs Croft)/Business Manager (Miss Warburton).

The new structure has changed responsibilities so the two deputy headteachers cover:

Ms Flaherty (DHT)	Mrs Mulhall (DHT)
Quality of education at Key Stage 3	Quality of education at Key Stage 4
Behaviour and Attitudes at Key Stage 3	Behaviour and Attitudes at Key Stage 4
Personal Development at Key Stage 3	Personal Development at Key Stage 4

Meanwhile the 5 Assistant Headteachers and Business Manager responsibilities are:

Role	Mr Hale	Mrs Wellens	Mrs De'Ath	Mr Fletcher	Mrs Croft	Ms Warburton
Core Responsibilities	Attendance and Punctuality	SEND	Designated Safeguarding Lead	ECT Induction Tutor	PIXL	Finance and Budget

	Reading	Rewards and Consequences	Support Systems	PP Strategy inc recovery plan	Staff Coaching and Development	Premises
	Admissions / Transition / Options	Chaplaincy	NIROFTE	ITT Programme	Data	Timetable
	Cover	LORIC	Alt Ed	Student leadership	T+L Team	Website
	Exams	Staff wellbeing	Vulnerable students	CPD Lead	New technologies	Ed Visits
	Duties	NPQ Lead	Equality and Diversity	School Council	Homework	School Calendar
	House system	MPV	Student mental Health	Staff Induction	HAPs	Clerking
Departments	History	English	RE	Science	Maths	
	Spanish	IT / Computing	Geography	PE	Art	
	Careers	PSHCE / RSE	Engagement Centre	DT / Vocational	P Arts	
Year	Year 11	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 7	N/A

Year 11 Final Day

The Year 11 students had their 'final' day on Monday (though they don't officially finish for a couple of weeks still). This was a lovely day where they spent time with their form tutors before gathering in the dining room for their shirt signing (never had this in my day!). Then we all walked down to St Teresa's Church for their Leavers' Mass which was a lovely service set up by Sam and Stan, our Chaplaincy team, and mass was said by Fr Phil. A big thank you to all the parents who filled the church supporting the students.

Sporting Success

Our Year 9 Boys' Football team won their final on Wednesday beating Hope Academy 3-0 at Ruskin Drive to lift the St Helens Cup. Mr Singh's team played some wonderful football with goals coming from Adam Palfrey, Isaac Sams and Reece Potter, with Adam being named Man of the Match.

Our Year 8 team were less successful losing 4-0 to a very strong Rainhill side in the semi-finals of the cup.

Art Exhibition

As someone who can't even draw the curtains, it was wonderful last night to see so many students and families attend our GCSE Art Exhibition. On display were the portfolios of this year's GCSE art students and the quality of the work was stunning. A huge thank you to Team Art for the time and effort they put in to support our students achieve such high standards.

The evening was made even more special by performances from our performing arts students who played and sang to entertain visitors whilst they enjoyed refreshments courtesy of our 1719 Society. A big thank you to all those who attended.

Mobile Phones

It has been one of our biggest successes and very pleasing to see how supportive the vast majority of students have been with our new approach to mobile phones. The number of phones being confiscated has fallen through the week and has averaged at about 10-15 confiscations per day across the week (out of 1000 students). Almost all students caught with their phone have also been compliant and handed them over, with just 6 students being excluded for non-compliance. **From Monday repeat offenders (twice or more) are being required to hand their phones into reception for the day.**

Most importantly, feedback from teachers has been very positive about the impact it has had on lessons without the regular interruption and 'telling off' of students with their phones out, and the much better concentration of the students. So, thank you for your continued support with this.

Early Finishes/Changes to School day

I know the list of changed finish times is below, but I equally know how busy you are as parents so wanted to ensure you were aware of the days with changes to their finish times or the school day. They are highlighted in **bold** below

Forthcoming Events (items in bold indicate a change to normal day)

6th – 17th June	Year 7-9 Assessment weeks/Year 10 Mock Exams
Tuesday 21 st June	Year 9 World of Glass Trip
Tuesday 21 st June	Year 9 (BDLS) Snowdonia Trip
Thursday 23rd June	Year 7 Parents' Evening (students finish at 1.30pm)
Friday 24th June	INSET Day
27th – 29th June	Year 8 Maths Trip
Tuesday 28 th June	Year 9 Chemistry trip (30 students)
Wednesday 29 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 30 th June	Year 11 Prom
Friday 1st July	Founders Day (students finish 1.30pm)
4th – 8th July	Year 6 Transition Week
8 th – 10 th July	Lasallian District Camp
Tuesday 19 th July	Whole School Rewards trip to Blackpool
Wednesday 20th July	School closes (Students finish at 12.10pm)

And finally....

It was lovely to see the various thank yous, cards and gifts from the students to staff in school from the Year 11s (or their parents). As I said at the start of the mass, they will always be part of our Lasallian family.

For those who were in tears or who are feeling sad and tearful about the end of this stage of their school life, remember that we only feel really sad about something ending, if it was something really good. (OK I stole that from This is Us – but it is still true).

Enjoy the half term break.

Andrew Rannard
Headteacher