

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

### Parental Update 29

We come to the end of this half term with the GCSEs, Year 10 mocks and Year 7 assessments all taking place throughout the week. We also had a Creative Arts trip, a geography trip parental meeting, our Year 10 Scholars graduated, it was Formation week which included some Year 8 and 10 students on a local pilgrimage and then this afternoon, the Year 11 charity football match.

Looking ahead, we have a welcomed half term break before beginning the final half term of the year – with all the wonderful events and activities that we have planned. For now, however, I hope you and your family have a wonderful and restful half term break.

Also with today's update:

- Careers Newsletter
- Radio 1 Big Weekend Information
- Letter from Merseyside Police for all Schools

### Whole School Focus – Term Dates and INSET Days for next year

We have now finalised our INSET days alongside the term dates for next year. I apologise that the INSET days took a little longer to get confirmed, but we wanted to make sure they were placed in the most beneficial place as possible.

Looking ahead to next year, the term dates are below. Hopefully these will help parents with holidays and in ensuring no school time is missed for their child. In particular I would point out:

- By taking 3 INSET Days at the start of the academic year, we have been able to ensure students have a positive start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September rather than a more fragmented start on the Thursday or Friday before.
- We have tried to ensure full weeks rather than part weeks (which we know leads to lower attendance)
- Where this is not possible, we have placed INSET Days at the end of the week.

#### Autumn Term 2025

- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup>: Staff INSET Days (students don't attend)**
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September School Opens for pupils
- Half term: School closes for pupils - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October
- Re-opens - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Staff INSET Day**
- School closes - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December (12.10pm)

#### Spring Term 2026

- Re-opens - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January
- Half term: School closes for pupils - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February
- Re-opens - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- School closes - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

*You can perform miracles by touching the hearts of those entrusted to your care.*

## **Summer Term 2026**

- Re-opens - Monday 13th April
- **Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May**
- School closes - Friday 22nd May
- Re-opens - Monday 1st June
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June: INSET Day**
- School closes for pupils - Friday 17th July (12.10pm finish)

## **Goodbye and thank you**

Today we say thank you and goodbye to Mr Gilbertson who has worked as one of our Learning Assistants within the SEND department for the past 18 months. We wish him well as he moves on to the next exciting stage of his life.

## **Changes Next Half Term – Mill Brow Entrance**

After half term we will be looking to introduce some changes – based upon our review of systems in school. One key change will be to move to a single point of entry for students in the morning - which will be the Alder Hey gate. Not only will this ensure safer entry and exit, as our car park has become dangerous with parents dropping children off, it also allows us to have sufficient staff to ensure uniform standards are at our expectations on entry and prevent the possibility of unwanted visitors gaining access to the school of a morning.

The change will not be immediate after half term but I thought parents of students who currently use Mill Brow entrance, would appreciate advanced notice. At the moment the change is only planned for the morning. After school, students will still be able to leave via Mill Brow.

## **Sporting Updates**

Another week of sporting prowess sees our Year 7 netball girls win the Town Cup. A resilient performance from our amazing Year 7 girls yesterday afternoon, as they dug deep to win the Town Cup, beating Rainhill 8-7. A phenomenal season and a testament to the hard work of our young ladies. Players of the Match were Jessica Downing and Alice Balmer.

Meanwhile there were commiserations to our Year 10 footballers who finished runners up in last week's Town Cup Final. Also, commiserations to our wonderful U13 girls' footballers who exited the National Cup at the quarter final stage – a truly remarkable achievement to get this far.

We were also delighted to see one of our Year 9 students, April Jones, who already represents Merseyside in football, playing cricket for Lancashire U15s this week. She bowled 6 overs taking 2 wickets for just 24 runs – helping Lancashire to victory.

Finally, for those who may be unaware – Spurs (against all my expectations and past experiences) are Kings of Europe. Just saying.

## **Raffle Prize Winners**

Thank you to all who entered our Hope Fund raffle. Our students had the honour of drawing the raffle winners, and the videos are now live on our Chaplaincy social media pages—do take a look and enjoy their enthusiasm!

Here is the full list of raffle winners:

- Ticket Number: TS145 / Name: M. Shaw / Prize: One free dog groom with Best in Breeds
- Ticket Number: TS147 / Name: Pat A / Prize: Everton shirt signed by the last squad at Goodison
- Ticket Number: TS107 / Name: Myra R / Prize: Soap and Glory gift set bundle
- Ticket Number: 1173419 / Name: Hazel W / Prize: New Era Headphones
- Ticket Number: TS160 / Name: Carol B / Prize: Kid's toy bundle
- Ticket Number: 1173433 / Name: Lauren K / Prize: A cleaning service from CB Cleaning Services
- Ticket Number: TS003 / Name: Mike B / Prize: A 1L bottle for your drinks cabinet

- Ticket Number: 1173437 / Name: Tracey H / Prize: Liverpool shirt signed by Jurgen Klopp
- Ticket Number: 1173439 / Name: Tracey H / Prize: Bespoke Photoshoot - pet or portrait with McCormick Photography
- Ticket Number: TS098 / Name: Dave R / Prize: Julie Waterhouse Hair Salon Voucher
- Ticket Number: TS103 / Name: Jessica N / Prize: Coffee House St Helens Voucher

I don't see my name up there! Congratulations to all the lucky winners—and thank you again to everyone who took part!

### **Uniform Donations**

As we approach the end of the school year, can I ask parents to consider donating any good quality used uniform that they may have spare? We have a significant number of families who struggle to manage financially and our current stock of uniform is running low. Any donations can be dropped off at reception.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour (A message for all parents from Merseyside Police).**

We have been asked to share the attached information regarding anti-social behaviour, on behalf of Merseyside police. The attached letter is addressed to all parents.

### **Radio 1 Big Weekend**

I am sure many of you, or your family, will be considering attending the upcoming Radio 1 Big weekend in Liverpool from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Families may find the enclosed information helpful with any planning for this event. Please also note that this is the same weekend as the planned Liverpool FC parade.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Half Term**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun: School re-opens usual time
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 13<sup>th</sup>: Year 8 Assessment Window
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> onwards: GCSES and Year 10 Mock exams continue
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup>: Theatre Workshop
- Thu 5<sup>th</sup>: Year 9 Health and Social care Trip
- Thu 12<sup>th</sup>: Drama Showcase
- Thu 12<sup>th</sup>: Belgium Trip Parental Meeting (5.30pm)

### **And Finally...**

Next week I am away with Mrs R and the two boys to a villa in Spain (all good I hear you say) but we are also being joined by my Mother-in Law, her partner, my Brother-in-Law and his children. I will make no comment about whether this is a good or bad thing but suffice to say this would be the appropriate point in the sentence to insert a 'rolling eyes' emoji.

Owing to Mrs R's frugal nature, the four of us in our immediate family are only taking hand luggage and 1 suitcase to share. I say 'share' but Mrs R has already begun packing and seems to have filled nine tenths of the suitcase with her 'essentials'. Added to that, we only own 3 hand luggage cases that will pass Ryanair's exacting requirements and so I have nothing at the moment.

So last night Mrs R and I headed to my mum and dad's house to borrow a small case from them. A 2-minute task you would think. Over the next hour my dad must have made 20 trips up and down to their back room to get me a variety of case options.

The first case was a very pretty purple effort which I thought would be fine for me, but Mrs R wasn't happy saying it was a bit on the small side. Dad was sent back up and returned with a larger one – it looked good but was about 2cms too deep. This process continued a few more times, the highlights being the freezer bag he brought down – ideal if I was looking to smuggle Findus Crispy Pancakes or Captain Birdseye fishfingers. This was then followed by a full-size family suitcase – I won't share my mum's comments as dad headed back upstairs with it.

After all this, and me having the audacity to ask why we didn't just pay for another suitcase, and Mrs R's very stern glare, we eventually exhausted all our possibilities and it was back to the small purple one. So, I am heading home tonight to pack my crocs, one pair of shorts, one t-shirt and Mrs R has asked if there is any room in mine for her rollers!


Have a good week.

**Andrew Rannard**

Headteacher

# CAREERS NEWSLETTER



 Listen to this newsletter

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

## OPPORTUNITIES



This week is Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme this year is “community”. Being part of a safe, positive community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing. We thrive when we have strong connections with other people and supportive communities that remind us, we are not alone. Communities can provide a sense of belonging, safety, support in hard times, and give us a sense purpose.



Here are some charities in the mental health space that are celebrating the week in different ways: Mind, Rethink Mental Illness & Samaritans



Are you interested in learning more about careers in wealth management? This is the opportunity you’ve been waiting for! Join St. James’s Place, a FTSE 100 company, and its Financial Adviser Academy, for an exclusive full-day virtual work experience. Taking place on 29<sup>th</sup> May from 0930am-330pm.



There is a new documentary series on BBC, “The 9-5 with Stacey Dooley”. Stacey takes five 16-18-year-olds into industries that are crying out for young workers to give them the ultimate work experience.



Become a Bright Star with Specsavers; “Our exclusive university scholarship offers future Optometry students the chance to receive £10,000 (or €10,000 in the Republic or Ireland) over four years, towards the cost of their university experience. It’s aimed at STEM students, with only 40 spots across the UK. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to begin a promising career as an Optometrist.”



If you are looking to apply to Medicine, the Medical Schools Council have a useful tool that allows you to view and compare different Medical schools entry requirements.

## JOB OF THE WEEK



Art Therapist

They help individuals with emotional or mental health difficulties, to express themselves, explore their feelings, and foster personal growth. Art therapy is a form of psychotherapy that uses art as a way to communicate. Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

According to a new report by Pathways, student career aspirations are rooted far deeper than you would expect. The research found that 44% of students still want the job they dreamed about in primary school.

Source

If you have any questions or need support, please contact [moranh@delasalleschool.org.uk](mailto:moranh@delasalleschool.org.uk)

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## OPPORTUNITIES



On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, UCAS are running a [live TikTok Q&A](#) with an admission expert and a UCAS expert as they dive into all your questions about applying to university.



From September 2025, Apprenticeships now earn UCAS points. This means you could do an Apprenticeship at the end of Year 11 and then go onto University, which hasn't been possible in the past. [Click here to discover how your apprenticeship can earn UCAS Tariff points](#), helping you access higher education and take the next big step in your career.



The University of Southampton and University Hospital Southampton are pleased to offer students in Year 12 the opportunity to apply for [LIVE virtual work experience](#) delivered through Microsoft Teams. This project is aimed at students who are interested in studying Medicine. It is a very popular programme so please ensure you check the eligibility criteria before you apply. Applications open 9<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025. [This is the form to use](#) to apply when applications open.



Choices magazine is the ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships and technical education! In [May's edition](#), find out what it's like to step into a corporate role at Lloyds Banking Group and hear first-hand experiences from two hairdressing apprentices. Find out why it's not too late to secure a role this summer.



[Sisterhood Summer](#) is a free programme to get your dreams out of the drafts and get equipped with the entrepreneurial skills to be a socially minded leader with the foundation to start your own business. Applications for Sisterhood Summer 2025 are open from 4th April - 6th June 2025.



Prosthetics and orthotics has a wide range of job roles for you to consider. Each job role has a range of career paths to explore. The resources [on this webpage](#) act as an introduction to the opportunities a career in prosthetics and orthotics can offer you.

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"From Consumer Banking to tech, marketing and beyond — we offer a diverse array of careers. You'll find a variety of career paths and opportunities to learn and grow.

We're committed to supporting our employees and helping them succeed every step of the way."

Read more about [JPMorganChase Careers here](#).

## UNI SPOTLIGHT

"We are a university that enables opportunity for the good of everyone. Everyone needs ambitions and at City St George, we give you the opportunity to realise yours. Our community is strongly invested in [student wellbeing](#), [diversity](#), [environmental sustainability](#) and connections with responsible businesses."

Read more about [City St George's Courses here](#).

If you have any questions or need support, please contact [moranh@delasalleschool.org.uk](mailto:moranh@delasalleschool.org.uk)



# **BBC Radio 1 Big Weekend - Useful Information**

**Friday 23 - Sunday 25 May 2025**

## **Travel Messages**

- Public transport will be much busier over the event weekend.
- Use of public transport, and active travel such as walking and cycling is encouraged.
- Visit [www.merseytravel.gov.uk](http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk) to check the latest travel information and arrangements

## **Parking**

- There will be no parking in and around Sefton Park for event ticketholders or visitors.
- Visitors are encouraged to use public transport and the event shuttle bus.
- Enforcement teams will be on duty throughout the weekend to discourage any nuisance parking

## **Road Closures**

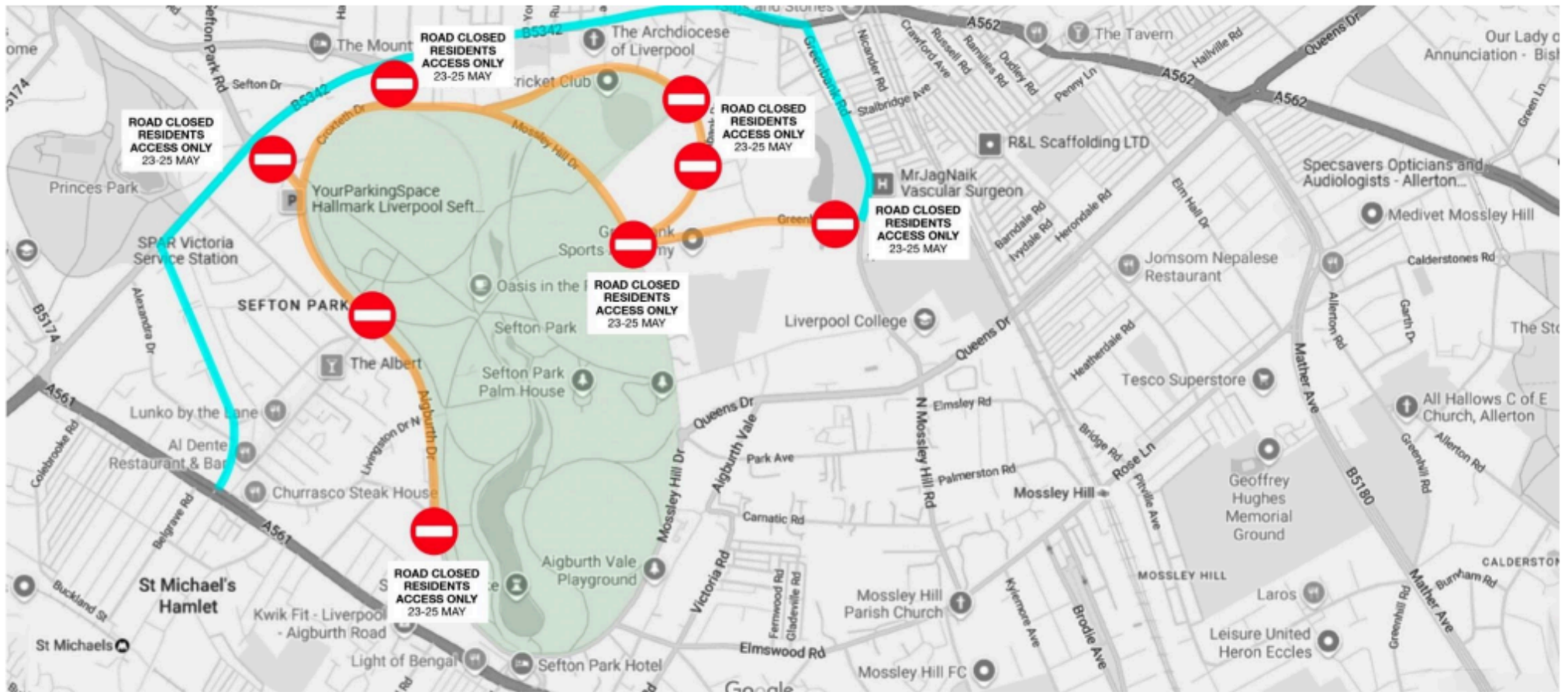
<b>Date</b>	<b>Summary of General Closures</b>
8th May (am) to 2nd June (pm)	Closure of Croxteth Drive from Aigburth Drive (Obelisk/Needle to Croxteth gate Roundabout and Car Park)
19th May	Closure of Greenbank Car Park, Livingston Drive North Car Park
22nd May (pm) to 26th May (pm)	Closure of Mossley Hill Drive from Croxteth Drive (St Hilda's) to Greenbank Drive/Greenbank Lane
23rd May to 25th May (Live Event Days)	Closure of car parks at boating lake and Queens Drive / Iron Bridge to provide Blue Badge parking for regular park users Restricted access/road closure Ullet Road/Sefton Park Road/Aigburth Drive (into the park) Restricted access / road closure Ullet Road/Croxteth Gate (into the park) Restricted access/road closure Greenbank Drive/Croxteth Drive Restricted access/road closure Greenbank Road/Greenbank Lane At approx. 22.00hrs each day, there will be a brief closure of Lark Lane, from Lark Way/ Hargreaves Road towards and including Linnet Lane and Livingston Avenue. This may also be implemented at any time, should the Event Safety Officer deem it necessary, if the volume of pedestrians is considered too high to be mixing with vehicles.

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## **Road Closure Map during Event Days - restrictions and diversions around the park from Friday 23 - Sunday 25 May 2025**

The amber highlighted area will be closed to general traffic and is for resident access only. Some access points are from one end only. The blue highlighted area is the outer diversion around the park. This will be signed to assist non-event traffic from: Ullet Road, Parkfield Road, Aigburth Road to Aigburth Drive and in the opposite direction: Ullet Road, Smithdown Road to Greenbank Road.



— Road Closed - Resident Access Only — Outer Diversion



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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<b>Who is organising this event?</b>	Radio 1's Big Weekend is organised by the BBC, in partnership with Liverpool City Council.
<b>What are the dates of the event?</b>	Friday 23 May Saturday 24 May Sunday 25 May 2025
<b>What time does the event start and finish?</b>	Friday 23 May 14.00 – 22.00 Saturday 24 May 11:00 – 22.00 Sunday 25 May 11:00 – 22.00
<b>What is the capacity at the event?</b>	General Admission capacity will be 34,500 per day plus guests, performers and working crew working to the Premises Licence capacity of 39,999
<b>Why Liverpool?</b>	<p>Liverpool is the perfect choice to host Radio 1 Big Weekend – it's a city renowned for its music, its heritage, one of the best audiences around and has a global reputation for staging incredible outdoor events.</p> <p>The event also forms part of Liverpool's United Nations Accelerator City year</p>
<b>What is UN Accelerator City?</b>	<p>As of November 2024, Liverpool was declared the first ever UN Accelerator City for Climate Action. This means the city has one year to pilot a series of exciting, boundary-pushing initiatives to look at how to make music events and TV/film productions as sustainable as possible.</p> <p>BBC and Liverpool City Council will work together to try and make Radio 1 Big Weekend, the most sustainable outdoor live music event ever produced in the city. This supports the BBC's existing Sustainability Programme and Liverpool City Council's climate action objective.</p>
<b>What will you do to manage nuisance parking around Sefton Park</b>	<p>Parking Enforcement officers will be in attendance to discourage nuisance parking.</p> <p>As part of our commitment to make this event as sustainable as possible, we are actively encouraging festival goers to use public transport and make the most of active travel i.e. walking and cycling.</p> <p>We are working with Merseytravel to provide electric shuttle</p>

	<p>buses to and from the event.</p> <p>Our traffic management plan is designed to prioritise residents, and it discourages people from bringing vehicles to the park.</p>
<p><b>Are you providing shuttle buses to and from the event?</b></p>	<p>We are working with Merseytravel who will provide electric shuttle buses to and from the event.</p> <p>Shuttle buses will run from Great Charlotte Street/ Elliot Street (near to Lime Street Station) to and from the park prior to the event.</p> <p>This shuttle bus service will be strengthened at the end of the event to facilitate the egress of ticket holders to the city centre, until the park is empty.</p>
<p><b>Will there be parking for ticketholders?</b></p>	<p>There will be no parking in and around Sefton Park, and robust parking enforcement will be in place across the three event days.</p> <p>People are advised to travel by public transport to the event. If car travel is essential, use city centre car parks and use the excellent train and bus links to the park.</p>
<p><b>What about noise / disturbance from the event?</b></p>	<p>The event will operate under the existing Premises Licence for Sefton Park and will adhere to the conditions of the licence.</p> <p>The event will operate within the licensed noise parameters and a resolute noise management plan will be in place; however, the dedicated Hot line is available should residents wish to raise concerns during the event.</p>
<p><b>How do I contact the organisers?</b></p>	<p>Full event information for ticket holders can be found here: <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bigweekend">www.bbc.co.uk/bigweekend</a>.</p> <p>For any queries from local residents or businesses, please contact: <a href="mailto:bigweekend@liverpool.gov.uk">bigweekend@liverpool.gov.uk</a>.</p>



## Dear Parents/Carers,

Ahead of this half term, we would be grateful if you would take the time to talk through some of the points below with the young people in your lives, so they can have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

### Bikes

We would strongly recommend investing in a bike tracking device. Both pedal bikes and e-bikes are significantly more likely to get recovered, should they be stolen, if they have a tracker. It also increases the potential for those committing these offences to be caught and prevent other people from being targeted.

Research shows that bikes are 83% more likely to be stolen if they're not registered on the national database: Bike Register. We regularly run bike marking events – check your local police Facebook page for events near to you.

### Shared Spaces

Across the last few weeks we've seen an increase in reports of antisocial behaviour. We know that the vast majority of children and young people will be out enjoying the parks, beaches and other shared spaces safely and sensibly. A few, though, might make choices which have major consequences for themselves and others.

Even the most typically well-behaved kids can make impulsive decisions, and unfortunately those can result in their future jobs and even their future foreign travel being restricted. We would ask you to speak to young people, no matter how well behaved they are, about where they are going, who they are going with, and to check in with them regularly.

We would ask you to remind young people to walk away from places or people which could land them in trouble, and to talk with them about what they could say or do to get out of the situation if they feel something is getting out of hand.

Keep an eye on your local council and police Facebook page for any free activities to help keep the kids occupied in the holidays.

### Water Safety

It can be incredibly tempting for children to want to play in local bodies of water when the weather is good. Please speak to young people about the dangers of entering water where no lifeguard is on duty.

Even in areas where a lifeguard is present, encourage young people to enter the water slowly and with care, warn against jumping from heights, and remind them that inflatables should never be used in open water.

9% of UK accidental drownings occur between May and August and there is a heightened risk of drowning when air temperatures are higher.

### Fire

With the good weather, many people have everything they need for a barbeque on hand at the moment. Please make sure matches, lighters, fuel and accelerants are well out of reach of children.

Remind children and young people about just how quickly a small fire can get out of control – especially in dry weather.

Thank you.

**Merseyside Police**