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1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come towards the end of term, there are lots of fantastic things to reflect on as well as lots planned for term three! As ever, we continue to do our best to maximise students' educational and extra-curricular experiences.

**Rewards Week - The Excellence Programme**

Throughout this term, students have been working hard to achieve 'The Excellence Programme' criteria. Students have to show positive attendance, attitude to learning, behaviour, progress and contributions outside of the school day in order to achieve the highest award of 'Excellence'.

Throughout the final week of term, reward activities have been taking place and students have been rewarded with a pizza afternoon and film and inflatable assault course challenge. Students were also recognised in assembly and were presented with certificates and badges. Our Rewards Week is also an opportunity for students to attend a range of Pastoral trips, allowing students to socialise with friends and enjoy themselves following a busy term of learning.

**Options Evening**

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025, we hosted our annual Options Evening. I want to extend my thanks to all of the families who attended the evening. It was excellent to see so many Year 10 students come along to support staff and chat to Year 9 students about option subjects.

A reminder that the deadline to submit entries is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025. If you require any support, please contact Miss Spittle, her contact details are available via the Edulink letter that was previously issued.

**Year 11 Exams**

GCSE Examinations commence Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May. Students have received their examination timetables.

Please find below details of revision sessions that will be taking place over the Easter holidays.

Mon 7th April	Science/ year 10
Tues 8th April	Science
Weds 9th April	Spanish/sports
Thurs 10th April	Science/sports
Mon 14th April	History
Tues 15th April	Spanish
Weds 16th April	Maths/English
Thurs 17th April	Spanish/music/Geography



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### Mobile Phones

Please can I remind students that mobile phones must remain out of sight on school premises. Students are to ensure phones are away before they enter the building and must not take them out until they have left the school premises.

### World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day this half term across both Primary and Secondary. Students and staff had a fabulous day celebrating all things reading. There were some fantastic primary student costumes of our most beloved characters! Thank you to parents/carers, students and staff for making the day a huge success!

### Easter Activities



- **HAF - Digital Arts Box (Mako Create)** - are running **FREE Easter Holiday Camps** for young people in Halton this Easter as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme. These 4-day creative camps are open to young people aged 8-16 who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals. Each session includes a nutritious meal, and places may also be available for those with an EHC or Support Plan (subject to availability).

- **Video Game Design Camp** – Monday 7th to Friday 11th April (No session on Wednesday 9th)
- **Animation Camp** – Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April

Grangeway Community Centre, Runcorn    Booking Link: <https://bit.ly/3CZmLAF>

### Reading

Just a little reminder that our **ePlatform** continues to be available for all students across both Primary and Secondary. Please encourage your child to access our online library where they can borrow a range of books and audiobooks. Students can sign in using the link below and their school Microsoft email and password. <https://www.eplatform.co/gb/find-libraries/>



### Sports Roundup

This half term there have been a number of sporting fixtures resulting in wins for the Year 7 and 10 netball teams and the Year 9 girls football team. It is great to see so many students involved in fixtures to represent our school. Two of the Year 10 sport studies students have officiated a primary netball tournament demonstrating great leadership skill and knowledge. This half term saw the introduction of darts club both at lunchtime and after school, it would be excellent to see more students taking up this fantastic opportunity!



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**Parent / Carer Evenings**

Please find below the remaining dates for this academic year.

- Year 8 Parents Evening – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- Year 7 Parents Evening – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

**End of Term**

School closes at normal time on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**Start of Term**

School reopens on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025. Primary children are to return to school at normal time.

Secondary students will have a staggered start 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 Easter break. The staff and I look forward to welcoming the students back on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025, ready for another exciting term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr J Jardine**  
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