

Dear Parents and Carers,

School continues to face the challenge of increasing demand for pupil places. Only a year ago we had 119 pupils. Numbers have continued to grow to 133. School has received the funding for these additional pupils but we have run out of teaching space. As a result, I am concerned that class sizes have begun to rise. The impact of this on pupils is potentially increasing. Although we are in talks with Cheshire West and Chester to develop the school site, this is not going to happen before September 2026. I have decided, with the governing board, to recruit 2 additional teachers and teaching assistants in order to keep class sizes down. We have been successful in recruiting 1 teacher and are working to recruit further staff.

The decision around the Residential Funding Grant has not been made as I write to you. It is my dearest hope that this Outstanding provision remains open and continues to make a positive difference to the lives of our pupils in their Preparation for Adulthood.

Events

* **Thursday 27th March:** *Family Fun Night*. Further details and arrangements for buying tickets are attached to this letter.

* **Wednesday 1st April:** End of Term disco in aid of *Comic Relief*. Pupils have the opportunity to access a non-uniform day- all for a £1 donation. ALL funds raised will go directly to Comic Relief.

End of Year Transition Arrangements

Whilst the Spring Term has not quite finished, school is planning for September 2026. As the end of the year approaches pupil's anxiety can increase, especially if they move class or key stage. To support this, we have a well-established Transition Programme that starts before the end of the Summer Term. In order to facilitate this **Year 11** and **Year 13** pupils who are leaving us to take up new opportunities leave on **Friday 10th July**. From **Monday 13th July** the Transition Programme will start until the end of term (**Wednesday 22nd July**). During that time pupils will move to their new classes, get to know their new class mates, teachers, teaching assistants and start the September timetable. Feedback from pupils and the school council has shown that this Programme reduces the anxiety for pupils over the summer break about what September will look like.

Hello from Residential

Spring is on the way! it is lovely to see the sun is out and we have been able to get out in the fresh air.

Thank you for all the support and messages after our Ofsted Inspection. A party for the young people will be organised in the summer term to celebrate. Also, thank you for all the donation money for the sponsored walk, we made £700.

Have a lovely weekend!

Charlene and the Residential Team

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Headteacher: Mr M. McCann

School will break up for the Easter break on **Wednesday 1st April** and re-open for pupils on **Monday 20th April**.

As Spring starts to show itself it has been great to see pupils have the chance to run about outside during breaks, enjoying the sunshine. Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mr McCann
Headteacher



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