

Our Ref. MMc/CLP

5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to be able to welcome back all our pupils at the start of the week to start the second half of the Summer Term. Pupils have been keen this week to find out what classes they will be in from September when we will welcome our new Year 7 pupils. Class based assemblies were held on Thursday and information was shared with pupils and staff. You should, with the exception of 2 KS5 classes, have received information that confirms who your child's class tutor will be. The class tutor is often your first point of contact when discussing how your child is getting on. Pupils may be taught English and Mathematics by another teacher depending on their previous attainment. Note that pupils may move groups as their progress and attainment is measured during the year. Pupils also have different teachers for other subject areas in order to give them access to subject specialist teachers. For pupils in Key Stage 5, they were made aware that Miss Lobina is leaving Greenbank at the end of this term to take up an advisory position with the CWAC Autism Team. I have tried, through a number of rounds of teacher recruitment, to fill the KS 5 vacancies, but have not been successful. I want to be sure that we recruit the right staff who can meet the needs of our students in KS5 and take them to the next level. If vacancies are not filled before the end of term I have asked KS5 Teaching Assistant staff, who know the students well and can support their educational, emotional, social and emotional needs to provide cover on an interim basis. Our KS5 Teaching Assistant staff already have significant experience in delivering high quality lessons and experience to our KS5 pupils and I have no doubt that this will continue to positively impact on student outcomes in the interim. As soon as I have any staffing updates, I will provide that information to you.

### **RESIDENTIAL PROVISION CONSULTATION UPDATE**

The Governing Board of Greenbank Residential School and I are in the very challenging position of beginning the process towards closure of Greenbank School Residential provision from 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2026.

The key reasons behind this decision:

- The decision by Cheshire West and Chester to discontinue the residential grant school receives for the provision from 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2026.
- School, having explored all alternative options of funding residential provision from its own resources, has demonstrated that to fund residential provision from its existing financial resources would place the school budget at significant risk and deficit.
- Cheshire West and Chester will only fund the redundancy costs if the provision closes by 31<sup>st</sup> August. Beyond this date, School would have to fund these in addition to actuarial costs.



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## The Consultation

The purpose of this consultation is to seek the views of all stakeholders and interested parties on the proposal to close Greenbank School Residential provision to be implemented from August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

This consultation will run from 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 until 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2026. It is an opportunity for people and organisations to express their views about the proposal and to ensure these are taken into account in the decision-making.

## How to give your views

Please take the opportunity to read and share the full consultation document that is available on the school's website at:

[Greenbank School: Welcome to Greenbank School](#)

From the homepage select the *Residential Consultation* TAB. From there you will find a consultation letter, consultation document and a [consultation survey](#). The survey will provide you with the opportunity to share your views, which will be collated by the Governors and I at the end of the consultation period, 6<sup>th</sup> July.

This is without doubt one of the most difficult challenges I have faced during my 29 years at Greenbank School. I would like to thank parents, staff and pupils for their support and parents, Governors, local Council members and MP's who are trying to challenge the decision to discontinue this Outstanding provision.

## Immunisation arrangements for pupils (a letter from the NHS)

Please find attached information about the change in arrangements the from NHS in relation to future immunisation programmes, together with contact information, should you have any questions.

## Diary Dates

- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**, last day for pupils who are leaving school for Post 16 and 18 pathways.
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, start of the 2026-27 timetable that forms part of a transition for pupils for September.
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**, end of the Academic year.
- **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**, School will re-open for pupils.

Thank you for your ongoing support.  
Yours faithfully,

**Mr M. McCann, Headteacher**



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