

Our Ref. MMc / DMB

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Dear Parents,

I write to update you on developments at Greenbank as we conclude the first week of transition for pupils. It has been an encouraging start for the vast majority of pupils who have settled well into their new routines and have engaged positively with transition activities. A small number of younger pupils are receiving additional support to help them manage the change to their routines using their Zones tool box. During the week we were pleased to welcome two new teaching colleagues to our team — Miss Burns (KS3) and Miss Capper (KS4) — both of whom have already begun working with pupils and staff establishing strong, purposeful relationships.

You may recall my earlier correspondence regarding the challenges of recruitment for our KS5 provision following the departure of Miss Lobina and Mrs Artess's move to KS3 in September. I can now update KS5 parents that Mr Kenny will continue in post, and we have secured the services of Ms Brelsford, who has already visited school and met pupils. Ms Sanders is also due to meet pupils next week. I appreciate the patience of families while we secure a stable staffing structure that maintains the high-quality post-16 provision our pupils deserve.

Following the departure of Miss Lobina, I completed a staffing structure review. Out of that review the current Key Stage Manager posts have been succeeded by an Assistant Head Teacher Post from September. Following interview, I am delighted that Mrs Meadows (our current KS3 leader) was appointed to this role. Mrs Meadows will work closely with myself, Mr Power (Curriculum Lead) and Mr McCormick (Designated Safeguarding Lead- DSL, Pastoral and Behaviour Lead) to support the operational and strategic tasks across school and the wider staff. Your first point of contact will still be your child's class tutor.

Earlier this week families were sent a notice from Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding the proposal to permanently discontinue the residential provision at Greenbank School. Despite the considerable efforts of the school, governors, parents, council members and our local MPs to reverse this decision, these efforts have, regrettably, been unsuccessful. This is a significant blow to the support available to our pupils in developing independence and preparing for adulthood. The council's notice includes links to their consultation and explains how families can submit objections or comments; please note the deadline for responses is 11th August at midnight. I urge any family who wishes to make their views known to follow the guidance in the notice and submit comments before that time.

The link to the Proposal is provided below:

[Greenbank School - permanently close the school's residential provision | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)



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In the interim, pupils who access the residential provision have been enjoying a variety of engaging activities. They are scheduled to visit Southport for the day on Monday. Please provide your child with a packed lunch (and remember that Greenbank is a nut-free school; we have pupils with severe nut allergies), a drink and should the warm spell continue, a hat and sunscreen. The school will be providing ice creams during the visit!!

Hello from Residential

Firstly, I would like to thank all of the young people, parents, and staff for their kind words, messages, cards, and gifts. I cannot begin to explain how special Greenbank is and always will be in my heart. We have had an amazing half term, spending quality time with the young people and creating lots of wonderful memories together.

On Monday 20th, we will be taking our current Residential pupils on our final trip to Southport.

Please ensure that pupils:

- Wear comfortable home clothes.
- Have sun cream applied before arriving.
- Bring a hat for sun protection.
- Bring a packed lunch.

Please note that parent collection on Monday will be at 5:15 pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Charlene and the Residential Team

I am delighted to share some positive news from our catering team. Jenni and the kitchen staff received an unannounced Food Standards Agency inspection on 14th July and achieved a 5* rating — the highest possible. My congratulations to Jenni and the team for their excellent work maintaining such high standards.

Finally, a note about Family First magazine. This quarterly publication promotes family health and well-being across the UK, encouraging active lifestyles and healthier eating in an enjoyable way. You can access the latest issue via the links below:

- <https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-3-2026/>
- https://e.issuu.com/embed.html?d=family_first_-_issue_3_2026&u=sevenstarmedia

A final reminder that school will close for the summer break on **Wednesday 22nd July** and will reopen for pupils on **Tuesday 2nd September**.

As the warm weather continues, I hope you and your family are able to enjoy it and keep cool.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M. McCann
Headteacher



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