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22nd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the summer term, I am pleased to reflect on a period that has been rich with activity, achievement, and important developments across Greenbank School.

This week has seen the final official residential visit to Southport Pleasure Beach, with pupils currently accessing residential provision travelling by coach alongside our dedicated residential staff and teachers. The weather was favourable, with a cooling breeze and I was struck by the fearlessness displayed by our pupils as they engaged with the rides and attractions on offer. It is a testament to the confidence and independence that our residential programme fosters.

Today, Mr Hamilton and Mr Kenny organised our Sports Day assembly, where a number of medals for combined athletic activities in the morning and rounders and kwik cricket in the afternoon were presented in addition to the overall champions cup. Pupils, during Sports Day were organised into four teams: Red, Yellow, Blue, and Green. Points were accumulated throughout the day, culminating in a closely contested final result. I am delighted to congratulate the Yellow Team on securing this year's overall Sports Day trophy. As important, I want to recognise the contribution made by every pupil who participated, supported their team, and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship.

As we bid farewell to the summer term, we also say goodbye to three valued members of staff. Kirsty, our Careers Lead, Miss Lobina, Head of Key Stage 5, and Tracey from Key Stage 3 will be leaving Greenbank School. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours and hope they will remain connected to our school community. I should mention that Tracey has generously offered to continue her involvement by maintaining the Friday Staff Bacon Butty Club, which is a wonderful gesture.

Regarding staffing in Key Stage 5, I am pleased to confirm that Ms Brelsford will be joining us in September. Regrettably, Ms Sanders has decided at short notice not to take up the vacant teaching post. I want to assure families that we have a contingency plan in place. From September, experienced Teaching Assistant staff who already deliver accredited courses will continue to do so alongside teachers, whilst I work to secure a long-term staffing solution. I recognise this is a challenge, and I remain committed to recruiting the right person for Greenbank School and our pupils.

The school underwent a detailed Health and Safety inspection on Tuesday. During this visit, we conducted our first invacuation drill—a shelter response procedure implemented when protection is needed from site incidents such as air ambulance landings, emergency services activity, or



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unauthorised access. I am pleased to report that pupils and staff responded exceptionally well, and this was positively noted by the inspector as was the whole inspection. My thanks to Mike and the site admin team for gaining such a quality result for school.

We finished the term with rewards activities and a school disco, as requested by our pupils.

School closes for pupils on **Wednesday 22nd July** and reopens on **Wednesday 2nd September**. Staff training on **Safeguarding** will take place on **Tuesday 1st September**.

Residential Reminder

Last 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](#)

That just leaves me to thank you for all your support during the year. Your children are an amazing group of young people. It is a pleasure for me to be able to be part of their educational journey and see the difference attending our school makes.

Please have a safe and relaxing Summer break.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M. McCann
Head teacher



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