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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to you at the end of another academic year to say a sincere thank you to you all for your support. This year has been busier than ever as we have worked with your children to ensure they are making the best progress they can whilst continuing to develop as ambitious and kind young people that are accepting of others.

As you are aware, we were visited by Ofsted in May 2022, and they saw the 'Good' school that we are. Throughout this inspection I was privileged to be invited to sit in meetings where our students' behaviours and outcomes were discussed in detail. Comments shared were incredibly positive and humbling. Inspectors recognised the hard work of all staff in ensuring that our school is a safe environment for the students to learn and they noted the high standards they saw when observing our teachers implementing the 'Ambitious' curriculum we have designed. Student attitudes were fantastic; they were polite and welcoming as usual. If you have not already had the opportunity to read the full inspection report, I strongly recommend you to do so. Inspectors spoke with up to 100 students, 11 subjects were involved over the 2 days, and 69% of the teaching staff were observed teaching all year groups, amongst other quality assurance checks. No stone was left unturned and the school was judged as good in all areas of the school. However, I would like you all to know that this is just a part of our improvement journey as we continue to progress from good to outstanding. [You can read our Ofsted report here.](#)

It is evident to me that the quality of students' learning opportunities and their attitudes towards learning have improved significantly. The work that students are producing is strong and presented with pride. Our bespoke reading lessons have had a tremendous impact on the children's ability to access the curriculum, improve their range of vocabulary and their ability to discuss and debate as they articulate points of interest and recently formed opinions. These are important life skills that we hope you encourage during your precious family time during the holidays.

Throughout the year we have encouraged our students to engage in enrichment activities at lunch time, after school, or even at the weekends. We are delighted that almost 400 of our students have managed to get involved to date. We will value your support next term when we link enrichment to our rewards systems and encourage them to sign up and commit to engaging in at least one club per week. Our students have also grown as leaders this year. The student leadership team have taken on their responsibilities well and influenced our change to the use of plates and cutlery in the canteen, indeed our improved attitudes to the environment in general - including plants in the classroom and a refillable drinks system in the canteen for September 2022. (No more plastic bottles!) The LGBTQ+ group have been proactive in raising awareness of difference and acceptance, also supporting us in choosing appropriate books to share as part of our free reading library for next year. The students have developed their own teams of 'Cultural Ambassadors.' These are students that support during important events after school or when we have visitors and students that assist in the canteen and keep our local area free from litter. Many more students have volunteered to lead in some way next year which demonstrates improved confidence and the growth of tomorrow's leaders at Childwall Sports and Science Academy.

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Please find below details of our A Level and GCSE Results Days and a link to government guidance with regard to being safe during the heatwave.

A Level Results Day:

Thursday 18th August – School opens at 9.00am. Students will be sent a personal time slot for them to attend and collect their results from the Drama Studio, via the Key Stage 4 gate.

GCSE Results day:

Thursday 25th August – School opens at 9.00am. Students will be sent a personal time slot for them to attend and collect their results from the Drama Studio, via the Key Stage 4 gate.

Return to school:

Year 7 and Year 12 start – Monday 5th September 8:35am

Year 8 and Year 11 return – Tuesday 6th September 8:35am

Year 9, Year 10, and Year 13 return – Tuesday 6th September 9:30am

*All students must return to school in full school uniform, with the correct equipment. [You can see our Uniform page here](#)

Extreme Weather/Heatwave:

Please note that we are relaxing rules on our daily uniform and advise that your child wears their school PE kit to school on Monday 18th July and their own appropriate clothes on Tuesday 19th July for the morning. There will be a rewards lesson in form groups 11.05am to 12.00pm. All students will be escorted off site at 12.00pm on Tuesday.

Please consider the advice and strategies that you may choose to adopt with your children/, families.

- Ensure there is plenty of ventilation
- Close over curtains or blinds to reduce the rate at which the temperatures rise in a room
- Encourage the wearing of sunhats or caps when outside or the use of an umbrella/parasol
- Provide children with access to sun cream.
- Allow students the opportunity to return indoors to a cool classroom if they feel uncomfortable.
- Encourage students to bring water bottles to school. This will help them to not only keep hydrated but taking on water also helps someone to regulate their temperature.
- Restrict high intensity physical activity to the start of the day when it is cooler and discourage students themselves from high intensity activities during social time.
- Further NHS advice can be found [here](#)

In addition, please talk to your children and families about the dangers of open water swimming. Over the years a significant number of children or adults have died having initially decided to ‘cool off’ in a river, pond, canal, or reservoir and then quickly becoming distressed and then at risk.

Further advice can be found here:

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/open-water-safety-tips>

I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September for the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,



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