

Dear Parents and Carers,

By this time of year pupils have been informed which class they are going to be in in September. To help with the transition and reduce any worries or anxiety pupils may have, school starts the September timetable before the end of the Summer Term.

How this works:

Those pupils who are due to leave us at the end of term (whether in Year 11 or 13) have completed all of their accredited courses and exams. Their last day in school will be **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**.

From **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** all pupils will move to their new classes. This will give them the opportunity to meet new class mates and staff and experience a number of transition activities to get them used to their new class.

At the same time school will also be welcoming our new Year 6 pupils who are visiting school during this time, meeting their new class mates and the teaching team. Thank you to the Year 7 staff team who ran the Year 6 intake evening for parents on Monday. It can be a nervous time for parents, as well as pupils as they make the move from Primary to Secondary School.

A Key Stage 4 group of pupils spent 3 days at The Conway Centre, on Anglesey this week to experience a number of outdoor activities. This included coasteering, sailing, low ropes and archery- a lot to pack in in a few days. Thank you to Anthea for organising the visit and to Mr Hamilton, Adam, Tony and Kate for supporting the trip and giving up time with their families to encourage, praise and stretch the group. They always surprise us with their Go For It! attitude.

Sports Day on Thursday was an outstanding success. Whilst the result is not yet known, all house teams gave their absolute all throughout the day. One pupil in Key Stage 4 was mentioned in front of whole school to-day- not just for his sporting ability but also the encouragement, positive comments and support he showed other pupils throughout the day. I hope he knows who he is! Thank you and well done. Such events do not just happen. They take a lot of careful organisation to make sure every pupil has an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to their team and enjoy themselves. Thank you Mr Kenny for making the day such an enjoyable one for everyone and to the staff for their support and encouragement of pupils.

**Diversity** is one of the values that drives the ethos of school- '*Learning and Succeeding Together*'. As part of our Diversity Week, we held our **1<sup>st</sup> Diversity Festival**, details of which were sent to families at the beginning of June.

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Activities included live singing (including from an ex-pupil who recently graduated from Derby University with a performing Arts Degree), hair braiding, face glitter, a wildlife area, members of our local Police and many more. Thank you to those families who were able to attend the event and to the pupils who took up the challenge to wear bright, colourful clothes. As already mentioned, such whole school events take an awful lot of careful organisation. Thank you to Justyna, Kirsty and Jodie who with sixth form students linked up with the National Citizenship Service to get the event off the ground and be the success it was.

What a busy, exciting and enjoyable week!

Yours faithfully,

**Mr McCann**  
Head Teacher

### 1<sup>st</sup> Diversity Festival, 2024



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