

Dear Parents and Carers,

To-day represents that last day of the Summer Term and the academic year 2023-24. Pupils have accessed a transition programme over the last 8 days, moving to their new classes ready for September. Having spoken to a number of pupils they are really happy with the chance to start their new classes, despite a few initial worries. We have also welcomed our new Yr7 pupils and those who are joining our 6th Form. It is a big change, but they have all done really well.

We regularly talk to pupils about the ethos of school and its vision. This has been reviewed during the summer term. Pupils, staff and governors have all made a contribution to a new vision that drives our ethos and values:

Ethos: 
Learning and Succeeding Together

Vision:

At Greenbank, we create a kind and caring environment. We are committed to growth and lifelong learning. We work to achieve success, build resilience, and embrace everyone's unique strengths. We learn and succeed together.

Values:



Continuing the theme of lifelong learning, Mr Duncalf, our Humanities and R.E. co-ordinator recently made a successful application for a Scholarship programme with the Culm St Gabriel's Trust. A 2 year RE and Worldviews Leadership Scholarship, the programme advocates high quality education and teaching in Religion and Worldviews, develops excellent leadership at Regional and National Level and promotes cohesive working. Only 10 scholarships were awarded nationally, so a great achievement for Mr Duncalf. Greenbank's already high profile locally in Religious Education will be enhanced further as the subject moves from a religious education focus to one of Worldviews.

Arrangements for GCSE and Entry Level results 2024

All pupils follow a broad and balanced National Curriculum (our Formal Curriculum) and a Holistic Curriculum that is designed to support our pupils 4 broad areas of need; * Preparing for Employment or Engagement in Meaningful or Valued Activity, * Preparing for Community



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Participation, * Preparing for Good Health and *Preparing for Independence. During their learning, pupils may have the opportunity to have this work recognised through accreditation- GCSE or Entry Level.

Results day is **Thursday 22nd August**. From 9:00am, I will make contact with families, using the details school has on record. I ask to talk to pupils first to share the results and am happy to talk to parents or carers to share the same information. Certificates usually then arrive in school during October and are sent home.

Sad Goodbyes: We said a sad goodbye to-day to 3 of our outstanding Teaching Assistants. It is always sad to see staff go and many pupils found it difficult to say goodbye. However, they have left to further develop their careers. After 23 years at Greenbank, Michelle is going to start her teacher training course in September. Justyna is taking up a role within the NHS and Jo is taking the opportunity to work and support at a local Farm Shop to help the business grow. Thank you for all the years of dedication and commitment. You made a difference, every day, to the lives of young people- thank you and good luck.

Hello from Residential.

As the year comes to an end, we have been going on lots of trips. We have visited Colwyn Bay when the weather permitted. We have also had trips to the cinema and laser tag.

Last Tuesday we went out for a leavers meal to celebrate the end of residential for the year 11's. The girls on the Wednesday decided they wanted to stay in at residential and have a takeaway instead. We would like to wish all the Year 11's the best of luck on the adventure to sixth form and George on his adventure to college. You will all be greatly missed by the staff and pupils. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Downes for providing all the young people with drinks and desserts on the night out, it was really appreciated by all.

Today we have also sent out a letter to the current year 8 parents who have shown an interest for residential, to share our plans for September. Residential has still not be provided with a decision about the Residential funding in the future, so these plans are what we plan to deliver in September, but things could change if we receive a decision early in the autumn term.

Date for the Diary!

We have set the date for the **Residential BBQ for Tuesday, 17th of September**, don't worry I don't expect you all to remember this, letter to confirm numbers will be sent home at the start of the year. Have a great summer Holiday!

Charlene and the Residential Team

School closes for the summer break on **Wednesday 24th July** and re-opens for pupils on **Wednesday 4th September**.



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CHANGE TO THE SCHOOL TERM DATES

School is placing a focus on phonics training for staff during 2024-25. Training had been booked for Friday 14th February, 2025. Due to changes in the availability of the training provider this has had to move to Friday 8th November 2024. Term dates have been amended accordingly and placed on the school website within the 'About Us' TAB.

Finally, a huge thank you to the pupils and staff for their hard work and dedication this year. I would also like to thank those families who have sent in very kind messages and made some generous financial donations, which have gone into the school fund to be spent for the benefit of pupils. We also gratefully received CAKE!!!



Please have a restful, safe and enjoyable Summer.

Yours faithfully,

Mr McCann
Head Teacher