

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of an academic year always brings mixed emotions for me. A welcome break for pupils and staff, with a chance to reflect on the year and recharge the batteries is something to look forward to. This is tempered by the fact that we are saying goodbye to our leavers in Year 13 and some in Year 11 and 12. Some pupils have joined us at different times but in that shorter time have made great progress. They are ready to take their next steps and hopefully they will be able to take the experiences and skills acquired at Greenbank with them to continue the success on their respective journeys. I wish you all the very best of luck- *Carpe Diem!*

Demand for specialist places across Cheshire West and Chester continues increase. The Local Authority has asked a number of schools, including Greenbank, to increase the number of pupils we can support. There is a fine balance between numbers of pupils a school can support effectively and the resources it has to do this. From September our pupil population will rise from 99 to 119. To ease the pressure on our resources a new Key Stage 3 class will open in September.

In addition to the demand for places a rise in costs of running school have increased significantly. I have looked at ways that we can save money without compromising on the quality of what we offer. The cost of ingredients we buy for school meals have increased. I have had to take the decision to increase the cost of a school meal for pupils from £2.50 to **£2.66** from September.

We say good bye and good luck to two members of staff at the end of term. Hannah Vietor is due to start teacher training in September and Donna Coles is taking up a Teaching Assistant post at another school with additional pastoral support responsibilities. My thanks go to both staff for their contribution to school.

### **Preparation for September**

I have written previously with regard to the school uniform policy and wish to remind all families and carers that the school uniform policy is in place.

Greenbank School students are expected to wear the school uniform listed below. High standards of dress are required at all times, reinforcing the standards of appearance and behaviour that are needed to meet and maintain high expectations.

### **Key Stage 3 and 4**

- grey or black trousers / Skirt
- white shirt worn with a tie or white polo shirt (ties can be purchased from the Office)
- 'V' necked plain navy blue jumper or round necked navy blue sweatshirt
- sensible **black shoes** and suitable outdoor coat for winter



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## PE KIT

- white 'T' shirt
- black shorts
- trainers
- dark coloured tracksuits may be worn in winter
- swim suit and towel for pool activities

## Sixth Form Students

- Black trousers/skirt
- White shirt worn with a tie or white polo shirt (ties can be purchased through the School Office)
- 'V' necked plain black jumper and/or a black blazer
- Sensible **black shoes** and suitable outdoor coat for winter
- Sixth Form Hoodie for Sports for Life, Work Experience, College Links Courses and educational field trips only
- Leisure wear for Sports for Life activities
- PPE clothing for Work Experience and College Links Courses

## Jewellery, Decoration and Other items

- A single necklace or bracelet for religious reasons.
- Hats: Only to be worn outside the buildings during breaks and trips.
- Hair accessories, such as slides, ribbons, bobble, etc., should be fairly simple and if possible in school colours.
- Earrings: Small plain studs, matching pair or single.
- Belts: Plain black, plain buckle (no oversized buckles).
- Make-up: To be modest and discreet (no lipstick, false eyelashes, acrylic nails).
- No body jewellery, hair dyes, coloured hair extensions, tattoos, visible undergarments.

School has also received updated guidance on pupil attendance. The expectation is that pupil attendance should be 95%. Attendance figures for school this year stand at 91.4%. Covid-19 has inevitably had an impact on our figures. From September school will return to its previous attendance policy that was in place before Covid-19 changed all aspects of school life. Therefore, school will only be able to authorise leave for pupils during term time in exceptional circumstances, which will have to be submitted by families. Unauthorised holidays may lead to fines.

I am conscious that I have shared some formal messages with you but my motivation is to set the highest expectations and standards and in doing so provide all pupils with the best opportunities to succeed. Consequently, outcomes for pupils are excellent as evidenced by accredited course results and wider achievements. 4 students have recently gained their **Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award**.



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I also received an e-mail from an ex-Greebank pupil who shared that he had just graduated from Manchester Metropolitan University with a Degree in Animation. He shared that the confidence he had to take on this challenge started with the support he got from school.

**School closes for the Summer break today and re-opens for pupils on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

Thank you to all the staff and pupils for their hard work, dedication and positive engagement in all they do. Thank you also the many families and carers who consistently support the aims and vision of school and for your supportive and kinds words that have been received.

Please have a safe and enjoyable Summer.

Yours faithfully,

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