

RANGE REPORT December 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Range Report, our electronic newsletter.

### **Echo Top 20 Schools**

We were delighted to be mentioned in a recent article in the Echo which named the top 20 schools on Merseyside according to a national guide published by the Times newspaper. The Echo article pointed out that the list is dominated by grammar and independent schools and so we are proud, as an inclusive comprehensive school, to have made the list. Congratulations also go to our colleagues at Greenbank High School, who were also named. You can follow this link to the article:

<http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/revealed-top-20-best-schools-13955613>

### **Y11 Mock Exams and Work Experience**

Y11 have completed their week of mock exams. They are the first year group to experience the new national regime of terminal exams and they have dealt very well with the experience. They will get their papers back when they return after their week of work experience, but we withhold their latest teacher estimated grade until our Results Day on 8<sup>th</sup> January. All Y11 pupils have also received a copy of our prospectus and the initial deadline for a return of their application if they wish to apply to our Sixth Form is 26<sup>th</sup> January. This enables us to start our initial planning. We recognise that some pupils will need more guidance to decide on their final choices and we are happy to continue this process until the Results Day in August. If you have any queries please contact Dr Ainsworth, Assistant Headteacher (14-19) or Mrs Brinkhuijsen, Head of Sixth Form at school.

### **Y8 Girl's Football**

Congratulations to our Y8 girls' football team, who were today crowned winners of the U13 Tournament held at 'Goals' in Netherton by the ESFA. Well done to Francine Talbot, Rosie Degeir, Yasmin Jones, Katie Leech, Lauren Holden, Anna Moreland, Evie Stanbrook, Jess Day and Mary Carney as the team did not lose one game during the whole tournament.

### **Y13 Geology Trip**

Also today our Y13 Geologists made the trip north to the Caphouse Colliery, Wakefield. The students travelled 140 metres below the surface and spent an hour and a half getting a tour of the mine by an ex-miner. The tour included a demonstration of mining methods dating from the 1800s to the present and students had to crawl through tunnels used during the 1900s. The day concluded with a tour of the nearby mining museum.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Merseyside Police have met with representatives from the Southport and Formby secondary schools to discuss anti-social behaviour in the Southport and Formby communities. This became a particular issue around Halloween and has continued in some pockets of the community. We agreed jointly to send all families a letter which we Parentmailed to you last week. Please note that any Anti-Social Behaviour which is targeted at staff at whatever time falls under the remit of our Behaviour Policy and may invoke a school sanction, working in conjunction with the Police. The same applies to any actions which bring the school's name

into disrepute. The simple advice from the Police is that you know where your child is in the evening and at the weekend and ensure they know what is acceptable behaviour and what is not when they are out. The overwhelming majority of our pupils are a credit to their families and the school and we appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

### **E-Safety Resource**

Sefton's Local Safeguarding Children's Board have made us aware of a digital magazine published by Vodafone which aims to give parents and carers information which helps them to keep their children safe online. The resource can be accessed by pasting the following link into your browser:

<http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk>

### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y11 Work experience begins
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS5 Mock exams begin
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Jolly Christmas Show
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y13 Presentation Evening
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes (approx. 1245pm – letter to follow)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School re-opens (Week 1)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Y7 Parents Evening
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Y9 Option Evening
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Y11 Parents Evening
wb Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	additional Y10 English mock (date tbc)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term holiday (3.35pm)

Have a great fortnight, and look out for the Christmas edition of Within Range, our termly School magazine, which will be published before the end of term on our website.

Mr Aldridge