

RANGE REPORT January 22nd 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Range Report, our electronic newsletter. Can we take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year!

St Jerome's Arts Day

We were delighted to welcome Y5 pupils last week to one of our primary Arts Days. The Y5 pupils had the opportunity to experience Music, Art, Drama and Dance in a high school setting and performed a showpiece for their families at the end of the day.

2018 Finish Date on School Website

Due to an administrative error we inadvertently published the finish date for July 2018 on our website as Wednesday 25th July. School finishes for pupils on Tuesday 24th July at lunchtime. Wednesday is an INSET Day for staff. We apologise for this and the website has been corrected.

PE

Well done to our Y10 Girls' Hockey Team, who came 3rd in the Merseyside County Hockey Championships recently. This is the best result the team have recorded in this competition – special mention should go to Esme Steiger, Molly Graham and Niamh Millar.

Lunch Detentions

In common with all schools we issue short detentions for poor behaviour and these take place at lunchtime. Until now we have not been able to link this with our Parentmail system and so have not routinely sent out information to parents/carers. Starting this week we will send Parentmail users a standard letter informing them if their child receives a detention. I would ask you to support the school by examining ways your child could change their behaviour in order to contribute positively to lessons and the atmosphere at break or lunchtime. Staff will have good reason for issuing the detention and will have already warned the pupil beforehand. If you have issues regarding your child's behaviour can I ask you to contact their Head of House in the first instance.

Duke of Edinburgh Award changes

Mrs Jean Riding starts her role as Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator this term, as Mrs Hughes' time in the role comes to an end. Mrs Riding will take responsibility for all new Bronze Award enrolments. Ms Wilson (former Co-ordinator) and I are taking responsibility for the final expeditions of the current Bronze cohort. The school continues to support and value the Award. However we have decided to focus our energies on the Bronze Award, and will refer all enquiries regarding the Silver and Gold Award to Award Solutions, an external provider. Please see our website (click on the School Life tab and then Duke of Edinburgh Award) for further details.

National Citizenship Service and World Challenge

This is a challenging but also exciting time in the life of our Y11 pupils and last week in Assemblies 2 organisations showcased opportunities which are available to the pupils after they have finished their GCSEs. The first is an expedition to Tanzania, in conjunction with the World Challenge organisation, for which there is an Information Evening in school on

Tuesday 23rd January at 6.00pm. The second is the opportunity to enrol in the National Citizenship Service programme this summer.

Additional Y11 Parents Eve for Science

In addition to the scheduled Y11 Parents Evening on Thursday 1st February, and in response to parental requests, we are also scheduling a second set of appointments for Science on Thursday 8th February. Most Science teachers have more than one class in Y11 and this will give the opportunity for parents/carers to see all their child's Science teachers at this important time.

Dates for your diary

Monday 29 th January	Y9 Option Evening
Thursday 1 st February	Y11 Parents Evening
wb Monday 5 th February	Additional Y10 English mock (date tbc)
Thursday 8 th February	Additional Y11 Parents Evening for SCIENCE
Friday 9 th February	School closes for half term holiday (3.35pm)
Monday 19 th February	School re-opens (Week 2)
Thursday 22 nd February	Y9 Parents Evening
wb Monday 5 TH March	Additional Y11 Maths mock (date tbc)
Thursday 8 th March	Y10 Parents Evening
wb Monday 12 th March	Additional Y11 English mock (date tbc)
Thursday 22 nd March	Y8 Parents Evening
Friday 23 rd March	School closes for Easter holiday (2.30pm)
Monday 9 th April	School re-opens (Week 1)

Have a great fortnight,
Mr Aldridge