

RANGE REPORT September 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to the first edition of the Range Report, our fortnightly newsletter, for this academic year.

### **Summer Exam Results**

All our pupils have now started school and settled well, especially our new Y7s and Y12s. We were delighted with the GCSE results of the group that have become Y12, especially in a year where so much changed with the grading system and the challenge of the exams. 78% achieved at least a 4 in Maths and English and if a 4 is seen as the equivalent of a C then 76% achieved at least 5 A\*-C including English and Maths, which is one of the strongest showings we have had for that statistic in recent years, and is again all the more commendable because the exams are harder. We were particularly proud of the 5 percent of entries which were awarded Grade 9, and the fact that 10 percent of our pupils achieved at least one Grade 9. National Progress statistics have not yet been released. Last year we were one of only 3 Sefton schools to achieve a positive Progress 8 score, along with Greenbank and Meols Cop, and we anticipate that our score will be positive for a second year.

At A-Level 54% achieved Grade B or above and we had our highest ever percentage of A\*/A grades, with 28% of the grades awarded at A or A\*. 2 students have started degrees in Medicine and 13 in some sort of Engineering. We are sure our future is safe in their hands and we are proud of them all.

### **Website**

We have redeveloped our website and I would encourage you all to take a tour. It has a more modern feel, the pages have been reorganised, we have more photos of the pupils and there is also a mobile-friendly version for smart phones. Our Twitter feed is carried live on the home page, and we anticipate that you will find the information you need about us more easily.

### **Open Evening**

Our Open Evening takes place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and school is closed for an INSET Day on that day. We are full in all year groups and we know that part of our popularity comes from the great job our pupils do on Open Evening when they act as Tour Guides and Subject Ambassadors. I hope you will feel able to give permission for them to take part if they are interested.

### **PTFA Comedy Bingo**

This takes place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. There will be a Y7 Disco from 5.30pm to 7pm and then the Bingo, run by local comedian Brendan Riley and a family friendly event, open to all ages, which starts at 7pm. We hope that a large number of families will be able to support this event, especially the families of the new Y7 pupils. Tickets are now on sale at Visitor Reception – Adults £6/Children £3.

### **Dates for your diary:**

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| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September | School Closed - INSET                            |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October       | Y7 Support Evening (details to be Parentmailed)  |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October       | School photos (Y7, 9, 11, 13 only)               |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October       | Y10 Support Evening (details to be Parentmailed) |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October      | Y11 Support Evening (details to be Parentmailed) |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October    | Y13 Parents' Evening                             |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October      | Half Term begins                                 |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October      | School closed – INSET                            |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October     | School re-opens (Week 1)                         |

Have a great fortnight.  
Mr Aldridge