

RANGE REPORT September 22nd 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

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

Dance Studio Plans

We are excited to announce our plans to convert 2 classrooms into a dance studio which will open in September 2018. This will create a professional environment for the current teaching of dance in the PE curriculum and for our lunchtime and after school clubs. It will also mean that we will be able to offer Dance GCSE to the current Y8 and the year groups below them. We know many of our pupils dance outside school and they will now be able to combine that talent with their academic studies in school. We will publish more details as the project develops.

Open Evening

We held our Open Evening on Wednesday 20th September and I was delighted with the pupils who offered to act as tour guides or representatives of a particular subject. We have received a large number of emails from families who attended praising them for their self-confidence and their pride in our school. The Evening was very busy and was made extra special by a Drama performance from some of our new Y7 pupils. We are proud of the responsible and mature attitude of our pupils and they demonstrated this in abundance on Wednesday. I would like to thank all the families who allowed them to participate. They are fantastic ambassadors for the school.

Cycling

It is at this time of the year that I ask all parents and carers to reinforce our messages about safe cycling. The behaviour of pupils on the way to and from school is the joint responsibility of parents, carers and the school, and any inconsiderate behaviour reflects on us all. Please ensure your child behaves in a way which makes us all proud, and if they cycle to school that they

- Wear a helmet
- Ride no more than two abreast
- Observe the highway code
- Do not cycle on pavements
- Do not have more than one person on a bike
- Do not perform "wheelies" or "bunnyhops"

I know you take seriously your responsibility for the behaviour of your sons and daughters, particularly after they have left school in the afternoon. As the nights draw in it is even more important that we impress upon them how to stay safe.

Y7 Support Evening

We offer a Support Evening for each year groups once a year. The Evening for new Y7 Parents and Carers is on Monday 2nd October starting at 7.00pm. There will be talks in the Arts Theatre about the curriculum, attendance, e-safety and homework from senior staff, and the opportunity to talk to your child's Head of House and Form Tutor. An invitation has been sent by ParentMail separately. The Y7 have settled in well and we are very pleased with their enthusiasm and behaviour. We look forward to seeing you at the Support Evening.

Science Trip

Y10 and Y11 pupils visited London last week to learn about all three sciences in varying real life contexts. They attended seminars and exhibitions related to forensic science, sustainability in urban planning, the science of vehicle safety design, and the Natural History Museum. The pupils enjoyed the variety of the trip and the opportunity to learn about real-life applications of the science they study in the classroom. Read more about the trip on our website.

Art Exhibition in Wayfarers Arcade

Our annual exhibition of students' work is now on in Wayfarers Arcade, Southport until Monday 9th October and is well worth a visit. Pieces on display include photography, painting, drawing, print and mixed media, created by our GCSE and 'A' Level students 2016/17.

Hockey Success

Congratulations to our Under 16 Girls' Hockey team, who have won the County round of the National Schools' competition. They will now go on to play in the North West finals later in the year.

Dates for your diary:

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

Have a great fortnight.
Mr Aldridge