



22nd August 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well and that you have all had the opportunity to relax and have a break during the Summer.

We have been busy here at school during the holidays with our ongoing programme of refurbishment and redecoration similar to last year. My thanks initially goes to our very dedicated site staff who have worked tirelessly at this time. Our school kitchens have had an extensive re-fit of ventilation systems, Room 49 has been fully refurbished as a new ICT space, ten more classrooms have been fitted with new electronic screens and parts of the school have been redecorated. I would like to thank the many parents who help via our parental contribution scheme every year, these funds raised have contributed hugely to the new screen programme across the whole school that have enhanced teaching and learning for all of our students. It is well publicised that school funding has been considerably eroded over the years so your help with such projects, that we couldn't otherwise do, is very much appreciated.

I would also, once again, like to congratulate our GCSE and A-Level cohort this year. Both sets of results were extremely well deserved- you can see further detail on our school website and via social media posts. Many of our students have excelled and they are a credit to themselves, their families and all of the staff here at school. We wish all of them every success in their future and of course we look forward to welcoming many of them from Y11 back to Sixth Form. We have limited places left in the Sixth Form so do get in touch if you are still undecided as a family as to where you should study post-16. Our results and destinations of the students speak for themselves. Some of our courses are full but we may be able to offer you a post-16 pathway of choice if you haven't yet finalised anything. Drop us an email at admin@range.sefton.sch.uk with Post-16 Study in the subject header if we can be of help.

Monday 1st September is a Staff Inset day. Tuesday 2nd is induction day for our new Y7 cohort, they will start at normal school time (8.40am) and finish at 2.15pm on that day. Y8-Y11 will also be in school that day for a normal school day in terms of time. Wednesday 3rd September will see both Y12 and Y13 in school along with everyone else. Y12 will have an induction day on the 3rd. Full details of our calendar and diary are always available on the school website.

As parents, your day to day support of everything we are doing here at Range has played and continues to play a crucial role in securing our sustained journey of self-improvement. Thank you for that support, we do not take it for granted and we could not have made the great strides we have in the last three to four years without it. As with most Sefton Schools, we are moving this year to a new MIS in school called Arbor. This will mean us starting to move away from ClassCharts. Mrs Donbavand will be in touch next week about what this will mean for certain aspects of home/school communication.

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As was emphasised heavily last year in many communications, school attendance is a national priority. The simple fact is that too many young people have been missing too much of their education. I would ask that you make every effort to ensure your child's attendance is the very best it can be. Please do not be offended if you fall foul of the very strict rules regarding fines and fixed penalties. As a school and as the Headteacher, the law leaves me very little discretion in these matters. Our Attendance Team will work very closely with anyone who is struggling, for whatever reason, to be in school every day.

I would ask that you discuss our 'Range Ready' ethos with your child. By ensuring that they arrive to school, every day, on time, in the correct uniform and with the right equipment you really help to make a difference. Every lesson, every day contributes to your child's success. I wish all of them, as individuals, whether new Y7 students or about to start in Y13 as well as everyone in between an excellent year. As our amazing Y11 and Y13 students have proven this year, if they work with us and diligently at their education, your child can go on to achieve anything.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please get in touch with your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

With very best wishes,

Mike McGarry
Headteacher