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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the end of the first half term approaches, I write to update you on the great progress that has been made so far this academic year. It has been an extremely busy and successful seven weeks! We have been inundated with visitors who have all commented positively on our calm and quiet learning environment and how hard students work in their lessons. Of course, creating this type of environment and culture takes continuous hard work which our staff demonstrate in abundance on a daily basis.

Please find below updates and reminders which I hope you will find informative and useful.

### **Attendance**

Well done to the many families who support children attending school every day and also to those families who have supported children in improving their attendance so far this year. You will be aware that attendance links closely to academic results. We have carried out our own analysis of this looking at the summer's GCSE results and the conclusion was staggering; students that attended well attained GCSE results that were, on average, more than twice as high than those who attended less well.

We do understand that on occasion, students are too ill to come to school. However, we know that nationally this occurrence is very rare, rather than half termly, for children who do not have underlying medical conditions.

Can I please take this opportunity to remind you that students need to be through the gate by 8.35am in order to be ready to start form time or assembly at 8.40am prompt.

We know that sometimes buses are unreliable and that traffic can be unpredictable. Please take account for this with regard to your child's morning schedule. Many children get an 'early bus' and arrive on site from 8am to ensure they're never late.

### **Half Term 2 Attendance Reward System**

To further champion good attendance, we are launching a new rewards system for half term two. For each week that your child has no unauthorised absences and is on time for school, they will receive a token to place into a raffle box. We have three prizes on offer: a £200 bike voucher, a 50" TV and £200 Liverpool One vouchers. The more tokens your child has, the more chance they have of winning. There will also be a £100 food shopping voucher for a parent/carers of a child who has had no unauthorised absences or incidents of lateness during half term two. The competition winners will be announced on the last day of next half term.

#### **OUR VISION**

WE WILL ENSURE ALL STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR  
ACADEMIC POTENTIAL, DEVELOP HOLISTICALLY AND  
GO ON TO LEAD HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL LIVES.

### **ClassCharts**

The ClassCharts app (or website) is a way of finding out how your child is doing in school. The school also uses the app as the main way to communicate with students and families on a day-to-day basis. The app will tell you how many positive points your child has and if your child has any poor behaviour and the associated consequences. It is an excellent way to track how your child is getting on in school. If you haven't already done so, please download the app to your smartphone. Further information can be found here: [www.classcharts.com/parent/login](http://www.classcharts.com/parent/login)  
If you do not have a login or would like any extra help to get you started with using ClassCharts, please contact the school on [info@prescotschool.org.uk](mailto:info@prescotschool.org.uk)

### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

Our activities for Term 1 are up and running! Our clubs are really popular which is testament to both staff and student relationships and our staff's commitment to supporting our students' holistic development. Details of what is running during Term 1 can be found here: <https://www.prescotschool.org.uk/page/?title=Enrichment&pid=18>

### **Student Records**

We are currently updating our student records to ensure that we have all your relevant family information. Having up-to-date information helps us to contact you should we need to do so. It also ensures that we are able to provide further support to meet your child's needs should this be necessary.

Please complete the form via this link: [Microsoft Forms](#) (completion time is approximately 90 seconds.)

### **Multi Academy Trust Survey**

Our school's Trust (The Heath Family Multi Academy Trust) send out annual surveys for parents/carers to complete. Please complete the survey via this link: [Microsoft Forms](#) (completion time is approximately 2 minutes.)

### **Year 11 Maximize Events**

Save the date! Year 11 will be taking part in a revision master class on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. They will work with an external company called Maximize to ensure they have the skills required to study independently and have the best possible start to revising for their GCSE exams.

That evening, we will be hosting a family presentation where Year 11 students and their parents/carers will come into school to receive information about summer 2023 GCSE exams, revision, tutoring, interventions, support available as well as information about the 2023 School Prom. Further details will follow via letter after the half term holiday.

### **2022 Knowsley Education Awards**

I am delighted to announce a former student and two members of staff have been shortlisted for three categories in this year's Knowsley Education Awards.

- Aimee C – shortlisted for Outstanding Achievement at Secondary Award
- Miss Grainger – shortlisted for Teacher of the Year Award
- Mrs Haigh – shortlisted for Enterprise and Careers Award

Well done to all and we look forward to the awards ceremony taking place in November.

We have so many exciting opportunities planned for students this academic year and I look forward to sharing details of these with you as the academic year progresses. Thank you so much for your continued unwavering support. It makes a positive difference!

Half term two commences on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 at 08:35am. School opens at 8am as usual.

I sign off by wishing students and families a safe, enjoyable and restful half term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Cousineau', written in a cursive style.

**Mrs G Cousineau**  
**Head of School**