



18 September 2024

Dear Families/Carers

It has been good to see so much positivity around school over the last two weeks despite the everchanging weather. We are very much focused this year on further improving the attendance of our students. There is a very clear link between student outcomes, and what their school attendance is. The less they attend school, the lower their academic achievement is likely to be. If a student is not in school, they miss important work and struggle to keep up with other students. At GCSE level, our students with attendance below 90% achieved at least 1 grade lower in every subject in the summer exams. If you are having any issues with your child's attendance, please contact our attendance staff.

Last week's assemblies have focused on one of our core values of **respect**. We looked at the Gospel of John where it refers to Jesus commanding his disciples to 'love one another: just as I have loved you'. We considered how we could apply this to the way we live our lives and treat each other, and we looked at Liverpool as a city with a proud history of worked together to overcome challenges and adversity. This week we are focusing on our core value of **ambition**.

This week's arrangements

This week is Week A and it is a normal school week. The students **must** ensure that they are on the school site at 8.35am ready for form at 8.40am. We operate a free breakfast from 8am for all students who wish to attend. All students will finish at 2.50pm and leave from the Main Entrance or the exit point closer to Sheil Road. Next week will be Week B. Students should carefully check their timetables as they often differ slightly depending on the week.

Message from our Chaplain

Our Collective Worship themes will focus on reaffirming our school values of respect, ambition, and pride. We pray that our school community will fully embrace these values by respecting each other's differences with kindness and understanding, instilling ambition in all our students, and helping everyone recognize their inherent worth as humans made in the image of God, taking pride in their lives and work. To further reflect on our identity, we will celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, Francis of Assisi, with engaging activities designed to foster unity within our academy. Looking ahead, we will then turn our attention outward to our community and the wider world as we participate in Harvest Festival and Black History Month. We appreciate your continued support and hope that, together, we can help our students live, love, and learn in the light of Christ.

Our basic expectations

Like many other schools we have found that phones distract students and cause unnecessary disruption during the school day. Students are not able to use mobile phones at all during the school day for personal use. This includes break and lunchtime. Students will be expected to switch off their phone between 8.40am and 2.50pm. Any students who are seen using a mobile phone will have their phone removed by a member of staff. Confiscated phones will be available for a student to pick up at the end of the school day from the main office. Phones will be put in envelopes with your child's name and year group for their retrieval.



IF A STUDENT REFUSES TO COOPERATE WITH THIS RULE, OR REFUSES TO COOPERATE WITH ANY MEMBER OF STAFF WHO WISHES TO CONFISCATE A PHONE, PARENTS WILL BE CONTACTED AND FORMAL CONSEQUENCES SUCH AS ISOLATION OR SUSPENSION MAY FOLLOW.

Uniform standards for September

The basic expectations of uniform must be met by all. **It is compulsory for all students to wear full school uniform including a blazer, tie, and school shoes (correct black footwear - no trainers at all, including 'on cloud' trainers).**

Heads of Year will be in contact with families this week so that we can address any students who are not correctly dressed. We are awaiting a supply of Y8 ties but all other ties are now in stock and available from the main office at a cost of £4.00 which is payable through Arbor Pay on the parent portal. We still have a stock of new and used uniform for any student/family who needs it.

Attendance #2daysorless #everydaycounts

Students are expected to attend school every day. We will make daily contact with you if your child is absent, and we may visit your home too. Research shows that attendance has a direct impact on educational outcomes. If your child is not in school, they will miss important work and find themselves falling behind. Please ensure that you have downloaded the Arbor App so that you can track your child's attendance and punctuality. **#2daysorless #everydaycounts.**

If your child arrives late on 2 or more occasions, they will be issued a 1 hour Head of Year detention which will take place on a Thursday.

Arbor/Arbor Pay - please sign up to receive all our messages and key information

You can access Arbor on different platforms:

- Android - Go to your Play store and search for 'Arbor'. Click the top option.
- IOS - Go to your App Store and search 'Arbor'. Click the top option. Click Get to download the Parent App.)
- You can also access the Arbor platform [Log in to your School | Arbor](#) and click Forgot your password? to finish setting up your account using your email account.

Save the date

Y11 Information Evening	Thursday 26 th September 2024
Y6 Open Evening and Y7 Meet the Form Tutor EARLY FINISH AT 1.30PM FOR Y7-11 STUDENTS	Thursday 3 October 2024 3.30-6.30pm
Term ends – students break up	Friday 25 October 2024

We look forward to seeing all our students bright and early each day. If you have any issues or questions, please contact our school office or a member of the pastoral staff.

Best wishes



Ms Jo Leech
Headteacher

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