



24th September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well!

I write at only our third week back at school! Despite this, it really feels like we are back to where we were pre Covid. Year 7 look and behave as if they have been here for much longer and are doing wonderfully! They are a great year group. We are so pleased that as parents/carers you decided to send them here!!

This week has been busy. We have had the school photographer in taking shots of our new students and updating those for our Year 10s. If you have lost the slip to order photographs please click [School Photography - A Refreshing Approach - Bentley Photographic](#)

We have also had a well-attended Welcome to Year 11 Evening, where Mr Williams, head of year, spoke to families and students about the challenges of this year and the support we will provide. Behaviour has been excellent. Uniform – with a few tweaks- has been very good. We have also been proud to receive three positive messages from our community about acts of kindness our students have been involved in. Firstly, helping a lost and injured dog by getting it to the vet; secondly, supporting a person who fell ill outside the local medical practice and ensuring they got the support they needed and lastly, aiding a young person whose bike had been stolen. What brilliant young people! We are so proud of them. I am sharing below the message from Boundary House Medical Centre:

FAO Headmaster - Thank you from Boundary House Medical

I am a GP Partner from round the corner at Boundary House Medical.

I would just like to say thank you on behalf of the practice to a few students of your school. At roughly 4pm today a person collapsed near Kerscott Road. A few students alerted the practice, contacted an ambulance and with dignity remained with us for support.

One student suggested giving the 3 doctors including myself space to assess the patient who was lying in the middle of the pavement, others gave a good debrief and what was really nice to see - no one was filming the ordeal on their phone. Really refreshing to see given current trends in student behaviour.

Please give a huge thank you from the doctors at Boundary House to these few students of Sale High.

Next week we are launching our SALE awards. Students will complete 5 activities to gain a badge. S- for studies, A – for attitude, L – for learning and E- for extracurricular. Please speak to your young person about this and support them in gaining the awards. We are also keen to celebrate and acknowledge all the brilliant contributions our young people make outside school too.

In addition, next week will be our Welcome to Year 10 Evening. Details have been sent out. I hope families and students in Year 10 find this helpful in supporting our students as they embark on their KS4 programme of study and prepare for those all-important external qualifications.

On Thursday, we are having our Open Evening Event. We have taken the decision to run this as an in school, rather than on line event. However, we have been restricted as to numbers due to both our fire regulations and our need to reduce footfall in the building. This is the same across many of our other Trafford secondaries. It is therefore a ticket only event. We know that some families have

been disappointed re this and we fully understand. We are looking at running some open mornings for prospective Year 6 students.

We have a number of young people who have agreed to help us at Open Evening and we ask parents sign the consent form if they agree. Thank you

Extracurricular clubs

PE extracurricular is now up and running. We are putting the final touches to the other club timetables and this should be out to students in the next two weeks so students can sign up.

Covid update

We are pleased to report that we continue to have low case numbers across school. Up until now, we have had only two positive cases this year. Although we are no longer required to track and trace we have notified any families who need to know. Please do continue to test on a Wednesday and Sunday. We will send out email rather than text reminders as it was costing us several hundred pounds each half term to pay for texts and we believe most families are now in the swing of testing and reporting. Thank you to new Year 7s families for adapting to this so well.

A reminder that if you child has symptoms they must stay off school and get a PCR test. If they have a positive LFT they must also. If they are identified as a contact, they should also get a PCR test as soon as possible. Let us know any positive results so we can code absence accordingly and notify Public Health.

Memorial Day Event for Yasal

We are planning a wonderful day in memorial of Yasal, our year 9 student who tragically died this summer. This will take place on November 5th and involve all students in his year group- now Year 10- in both celebrating and also raising funds for the Brain Charity- Yasal's family's chosen charity. We have had some fabulous donations from suppliers for raffle and other prizes. If you able to support with a prize please let us know.

And lastly,

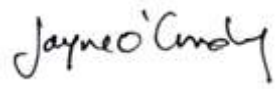
Thanks to everyone who has been able to make a standing contribution to school fund. I know money is absolutely tighter than ever this year but if you are able to donate £5 a month –or whatever you can afford- to school fund -the money really helps in paying for brilliant additional events, rewards and special whole school events.

Bank details as below:

Lloyds Bank
Account Name – Sale High School
Sort Code - 30-90-16
Account Number – 02661601

For now, have a great weekend!

Take care and very best wishes from all here at Sale High

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne O'Grady". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'J' and 'O'.

Ms O'Grady
Headteacher