



18th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well! As I write, it is the hottest day in the year and our students are wearing a modified 'summer' uniform of no blazer and no tie or PE kit. We are making sure everyone is staying hydrated and are not dashing around too madly on the field! The forecast for today and Tuesday is very hot. We will be putting lots of measures in place to make sure students are safe and as comfortable as possible. Please make sure they have sun cream (though we will be limiting time outdoors whilst in school) and a water bottle to fill up from our 'hydration stations'. As you are aware, we closed earlier on Monday and plan to close Tuesday. We have made this decision, as the heat in the building today- in busy classrooms- was untenable.

We have had an incredibly busy and fun term with loads and loads of amazing things going on, in addition to the great core offer of excellent lessons.

I am pleased that every single child at Sale High has received a reward and recognition this year. Last week we held our Y7 awards afternoon, giving out special awards for subjects and form time contribution. We have also had our house rewards assemblies. Students received their SALE awards badges and in addition, certificates for brilliant attendance and great participation. I know the heads of Year are also writing certificates for students who have been great in the year group who will also receive a 'sweet treat'.

We have changed Hot Chocolate with the Head to breakfast with the Head and I have been so impressed with the amazing young people who have had a 'waffles' breakfast with me on a Friday. They have been nominated by teachers for incredible contributions: sporting participation, community service, being great in school or also achieving the '1 million words read' target.

We have had many of the Y5 from our main feeder primaries in school. They have enjoyed lots of great maths, science and practical activities.

We also had our very favourite day of the year on Friday 8th July- Cultural Diversity Day! This was a fantastic event. We had flamenco dancing, Caribbean dancing, Bollywood Dancing, African Drumming, Origami, kite making, tie die, cooking Jamaican patties- delicious- a recreation of a Sikh Langar- or kitchen with students being served food by staff and learning about the practices of Sikhism. Students created flags from their cultural heritage. These were paraded across stage to applause. We finished off with performances from the day and an ice cream. Excellent!

Year 10 also had World of Work Day on that day. Students came in business dress and learnt about apprenticeships, training and higher education. They also had an employer interview- which is great practice for the real thing. The day was a mix of fun and serious activities all related to the world of work. Students really enjoyed the activities and talked about the benefit to themselves.

We are also incredibly proud to announce that we have held our very first Duke of Edinburgh expedition. Students in Y9 and 10 took part, undertaking a two-day hike and a night's camp. This was very tiring but absolutely brilliant. We are so proud of the 42 young people who participated.

We also welcomed our incoming Year 6 students last Thursday. This was a great day! School is, once again, very oversubscribed. We are full for September and have a number of appeals for places. The new Y6 are absolutely lovely and we are really looking forward to welcoming them properly in September! This is the first letter home that they will receive from Sale High and we cannot wait for you to join us fully!

Last week we had our two geography GCSE field trips-to Salford Quays and to Colwyn Bay. We got lots of compliments from the general public as to how brilliant our students were- polite and courteous!

We also have sports day to look forward to this week. Sadly, due to the extremely hot weather we have made the decision to postpone the Alton Towers reward trip, further details to follow.

Matilda, the musical was performed by students each evening last week. It was just fantastic and we are so proud of all our performers and amazing Expressive Arts staff for the show. The mayor came to watch the show for the final closing night on Friday.

Today it is world of books day and students across school are involved in lots of great activities to promote reading. On Thursday we have Super Learning Day and students will have a range of lessons focusing on pastoral, social and health education.

It has been a very, very busy but a great half term!

Departures and Hellos

We are saying goodbye to a number of staff this year. Like all schools, staff turnover has been pretty static over the period of the pandemic. This year we have a number of staff moving on to pastures new. Some are leaving work in schools, others going travelling, others being promoted or moving closer to home.

I will share the names with students in assembly next week so they can have a proper chance to say goodbye. We have some new staff joining us in September and I will share their names on our return.

Availability over the summer holidays

We have absolute minimum staffing in school over most of the summer holidays. We are also unable to answer phone calls or emails. School will be staffed from 22nd August to 26th August any urgent enquiries will be responded to then. **Exams results day is on Thursday August 25th. Year 10 and Year 11 will be invited in to pick up GCSE results.** We will also be on hand to support Y11 in their next steps post 16.

We return to school on Monday September 5th.

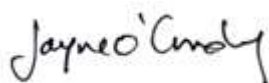
Year 7 should arrive at 8.30 and enter through the doors near the dining hall for assembly.

Year 11 will arrive at 9.00 and come to the dining halls. They will be receiving their end of Year 10 results in a 'mock' results day. They will then have assembly.

Years 8, 9 and 10 will arrive at school for 11.15 and line up in their form lines on the yard. Please note, there will be no break time refreshments available for Years 7, 8 and 9 on the first day.

You will receive a mailing over the summer confirming your child's form group for September.

Very best wishes for a wonderful summer break. Thank you for all your amazing support this year!



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