



22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm writing with a few important messages and to update you on some fantastic things that have gone on at Sale High in a short but action-packed term. Students have had an excellent term and have taken part in a range of important events and represented the school brilliantly on a number of occasions.

## **Celebrating Key Dates**

Students have recently taken part in celebrating a number of important dates in the calendar.

**International Women's Day** – A group of our female students were invited to attend a special event organised by Mike Kane MP and Trafford Council at Sale Town Hall. Our Year 10 student council members enjoyed afternoon tea whilst listening to a series of presentations by some very inspirational female leaders from our region! We were really proud to see some of the girls stand up and talk to the room about their experiences of being young females. Staff and students in school also came together to mark the day with form time activities, selfie boards, badges and displays around the school to highlight the importance of the day.

**World Book Day** – Our English department coordinated World Book Day events from our school library. We had a great turn out for the fancy dress with many teachers and Year 7 & 8 students dressing up as characters from their favourite books! Students took part in a quiz and treasure hunt and were given book tokens to take home and spend on their choice of book.

**Neurodiversity Week** - We have been supporting Neurodiversity Week this week (18-24 March). Activities and resources have been available in the school library including activity sheets, stickers, and photo props! Students have been welcomed in the library during lunch times to take part.

## **Sporting Excellence**

I wanted to update you on the range of fantastic sporting successes our students have had this term. This is just a selection from a long list of impressive achievements!

- A group of girls took part in the training for the Football Academy linked with the FA to encourage young girls into refereeing
- FA Leadership (Let Girls Play) ran the International Women's Day Football Tournament for our KS3 Girls with excellent refereeing from Callie G as part of her Football Leadership Qualification
- Year 7, 8 and 9 girls Netball teams were a credit to the school in the Trafford School Netball tournaments
- Year 7/ 8 girls football team had an impressive victory, winning 5 -3 against Altrincham College
- The year 10 boys football team have only lost once this year and grabbed an amazing 1-0 win in the quarter final of the cup against strong favourites Wellington



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- Year 9 boys football finished second in the league with only one defeat this year, while our Year 7 boys football team attended Manchester United's emerging talent tournament at the Cliff training ground, coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in their pool
- Four students represented Trafford in the Greater Manchester Cross Country Finals at Heaton Park, gaining team medals
- Our students were crowned Trafford Champions in the Xtend Panathlon 2024 and represented Greater Manchester in the County Finals at Sports City, gaining a silver medal
- Year 11 GCSE PE students were invited by Sale Sharks Inclusion Team to experience Wheelchair Rugby
- The boys basketball teams matched up well against the other schools across Trafford with some notable victories for our year 8/9 team against Wellington and Broadoak

The PE Department also took a group of 30 Sale High Scholars, along with GCSE PE students, to visit the Manchester Institute of Health and Performance. This is an elite performance centre who work with Premier League teams like Manchester City and Olympic teams such as GB Cycling and GB Athletics. The students were given a tour of the facility before taking part in some fitness tests. They were given the opportunity to experience variable temperature recovery, by alternating between submerging in an ice bath and warm bath. The elite coaches also led an informative Q&A with the students. This was a unique and privileged opportunity to visit a world class elite performance centre, who don't usually open their doors for school visits!

## **Mobile Phones/Social Media**

Following the recently released government guidance on mobile phones, we held a series of assemblies to reiterate the school's stance on Mobile phones. I want to take the opportunity to remind parents of our expectations.

- Phones should be switched off and kept out of sight
- If used on the school site, a mobile phone or other device will be confiscated and taken to Student Services or the pastoral office
- Students should keep their devices in their school bag – they should not be in a pocket of their blazer
- Phone calls made from mobile phones during the school day are strictly prohibited. If students need to contact home they can go to student services or ask their Head of Year
- Parents/carers should not contact students directly and should ring the school's main switchboard. This prevents any misunderstanding or miscommunication from taking place

During the same assembly we also spoke to students about their use of social media as we are seeing more and more incidents of misuse. We reminded students that regardless of if you're in person or on social media, your behaviour shouldn't change. If something wouldn't be acceptable in person, it's not acceptable on social media.

Please support us by talking to your child over Easter about how they use their mobile phones and social media platforms. There are a number of helpful websites that give excellent advice for parents regarding this issue, such as [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org) and [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)



## **Behaviour System**

As you're aware, we have a new behaviour system, which is embedding really well. The change has been a really successful one and we are seeing more rewards being given out than ever and a steady reduction in students receiving C3s.

Part of the change was the introduction of the Classcharts software, which has provided us with some really useful data. We had planned to give access to parents/carers during the last half term but have had a few teething issues with the detention manager - so to save you all from receiving a multitude of incorrect notifications we delayed this. We think we've nearly ironed out the issues and are currently trialling it's use with a small group of parents/carers, who have been very helpful.

Once we're confident that issues have been fully resolved we will open up to all parents/carers. In the meantime, please continue to monitor behaviour and rewards on the SIMS or Satchel 1 app.

## **Sale High School Uniform 2024/25**

We are making some changes to the Uniform Policy from September 2024. Changes have been made based on feedback from students and with cost for parents in mind. New items will be compulsory for Year 7 Students joining in September 2024, but will be phased in for other year groups, with the exception of the school tie.

The uniform changes are:

### **School ties**

- Re-designed school ties with a different colour stripe for each year group
- Confirmation of year group colour will be sent out in the summer term
- Ties will be available to purchase from Monkhouse School Wear
- This will be a change for all students, including current students
- Cost tbc.

### **School skirt – change to a pleated grey skirt**

- The skirt can be purchased from Monkhouse. Parents can also purchase from Tru Uniforms or a High Street alternative, as long as it is the same style
- Current uniform of pleated school kilt or box pleated kilt can still be worn for academic year 2024/25 for years 8-11
- Current cost from Monkhouse – Junior £18, Senior £23.



### **School Blazer**

- Navy school blazer with updated school logo - compulsory for new Year 7
- The blazer with old logo can still be worn for academic year 2024/25 for years 8-11
- New blazer can only be purchased from Monkhouse Uniform, and will be available online/in store from the end of May 2024
- Current cost Junior £30, Senior £37



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## **School Jumper**

- Grey or Navy V-neck school sweater with new school logo, available only from Monkhouse Uniform
  - Available online/in store at Monkhouse from end of May. Current cost £21 - £26
- Or
- Plain grey or navy v neck school sweater from a High Street alternative
  - Current school jumper with old logo can still be worn by years 8-11 in academic year 2024/25

There will be no other changes to school uniform policy in academic year 2024/25

## **Parking/Drop Off**

We have recently had some difficult congestion caused by parking or dropping students off outside the front entrance. If driving children to school, where possible, please drop them off a little away from the school to help avoid these issues.

**Finally, just a reminder that all students will start back for the Spring Term on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the usual time.**

I hope you have a really enjoyable break over the Easter holiday.

Yours Sincerely

Adam Rogers  
Headteacher

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**X** – @salehighschool

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