

17th February 2023

Spring Half Term 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the first spring half term draws to a close, I would like to congratulate students on their successes and engagement since Christmas. To support families with students eligible for free school meals, a voucher of £20 per student is available during half term and will be emailed in the usual way.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some highlights from the term so far. Year 7 students have spent today (Friday 17th February) visiting Chester Zoo as part of a sustainability project in Science, at no cost. In languages, Year 8 students enjoyed a performance in French earlier this week. Local employers have been in to school to talk to Year 7 and 9 about careers in the NHS; Year 11 student leaders contributed to a national conference linked to the United Nations and Year 11 students have enjoyed Sixth Form taster days at Queens Park High School and Christleton High School. A cake sale was held on Valentines' Day and raised £127 for the Intensive Care Unit just this week.

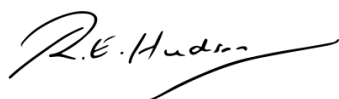
On Tuesday, I attended the performance of *Les Misérables* at The King's School in Chester and was incredibly proud to see one of our former students, Layla, performing.

We have launched our new website where you can find all of the latest information about school. Thank you to all parents who have downloaded the new EduLink One app; just over 60% of parents are now using this, which will support close communication with you at all times. A reminder that the next progress reports, to be issued after half term, will be published via the app so please do download it over half term as this will be the main way in which we send out information to you.

A reminder to all students in Year 11 to use the half term break to continue their revision and preparation for the summer examinations, which are due to begin in just 10 weeks' time. We look forward to students returning on **Monday 27th February** and ask you to ensure that students arrive on time for an 8.40am start. Please ensure that students have a knee length skirt and school shoes. School will be closed to Years 7 – 11 on Tuesday 28th February due to the national teachers' strikes but will remain open to a small number of students whom have already been contacted.

Thank you for your ongoing support this term and I wish you a restful half term.

Regards,



Rachel Hudson / **Headteacher**