

26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### End of Half Term, May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of this half term, I would like to congratulate our Year 11 students on a successful start to their GCSE exams. Year 11 should use the half term break to continue their revision for the remaining summer examinations, which are due to end on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023. I would also like to thank all other students for supporting their peers throughout the examinations process and ask that they continue to ensure they are quiet and respectful when moving around the school building whilst exams are taking place.

### Household Support Fund

I am pleased to inform parents that the Government has extended the Household Support Fund for a further 12 months until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The Household Support Fund supports those households in most need due to the rising cost of living, especially with energy costs, food, water bills and other related essentials. The Council has agreed to continue to support families with children in receipt of Free School Meals to ensure the necessary financial support is provided to low-income families during the school holiday periods. The Council will be allocating eligible students with £15 per week for each of the following school holiday periods, and school will send out the vouchers in the usual way.

- May 2023 half term break
- Summer 2023 break
- October 2023 half term break
- Christmas 2023 break
- February 2024 half term break

### Additional help

It is a really challenging time for households throughout the borough and you may be worried about the rising cost of energy bills, food, and transport. You may want help accessing welfare rights, benefits and debt advice, support getting all the money you're entitled to, or simply want to know more about national support in place. Whatever money worries you may have, the Council has put together some useful information to help. Please use the link below for further help and support, <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/housing-benefit-council-tax/cost-of-living-support>

### Term Dates for 2023 – 24

The link below details the term dates for the next academic year, which begins on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September for new Year 7 students and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September for students in all other year groups.

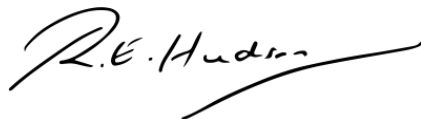
<https://www.blaconhighschool.net/page/?title=Term+dates&pid=34>

We look forward to students returning on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023** and ask you to ensure that students arrive on time for **8.40am**. Please ensure that students have a knee length skirt and school shoes.

I ask that you remind students about being safe over the half term break when they are out enjoying the warm weather. We are working closely with police, transport and safeguarding to review the areas outside school following the recent accident, and I will update you again in the summer term.

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

Regards,



Rachel Hudson  
Headteacher