

12th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer 2 Week 2

We have reached the second week of our final half term, and it has been another busy and rewarding week across school. As we continue to reflect on the year so far, it is wonderful to see our pupils finishing the year with energy, pride, and a real determination to do their best.

Year 11 – exams update

Our Year 11 pupils are now very nearly at the end of their GCSE examinations, and we could not be prouder of the maturity, resilience, and determination they have shown throughout. Reaching this milestone is a significant achievement, and we would like to congratulate every one of them.

From Friday 12th June, Year 11 pupils only need to attend school for their remaining exam papers. To support those who would like extra help in these final days, revision sessions will be offered online for any pupils who wish to attend. We wish all of our Year 11 pupils the very best as they complete their final papers.

Year 9 – change to finishing time

Following the departure of Year 11 and the end of the GCSE examination season, we are bringing Year 9's finishing time in line with the rest of the school. As our Year 9 pupils prepare to move into Key Stage 4, this is a natural and positive step in their journey.

From Monday 15th June, Year 9 pupils will finish school at 2.50pm. Please make any necessary arrangements for collection or travel home from this date. If you have any questions about this change, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Celebrating this week

It has been a wonderfully busy week, and we would like to thank all of the staff and pupils involved in such a wide range of activities. Our Year 8 pupils enjoyed their visit to The Big Bang Fair, our teams represented the school superbly in their sports fixtures, and our Art and Design and Technology Exhibition on Monday evening was a real celebration of pupils' creativity and hard work. Thank you to everyone who helped to make these opportunities possible.

Our School, Our Standards – high expectations

This week, our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils took part in assemblies setting out our shared expectations, under the theme "Our School. Our Standards." We believe that high expectations help every pupil to learn, feel safe, and take pride in belonging to our school community. We shared six simple, clear expectations with pupils:

**CARING, LEARNING
AND SUCCEEDING**

- **Aim high:** high expectations matter, and everyone does better when we all aim high.
- **Be your best:** give full effort, take pride in yourself, and focus on your personal best.
- **Respect others:** treat everyone with the kindness and respect you would want for yourself.
- **Speak respectfully, always:** be polite, calm, and honest, even when you disagree.
- **Follow instructions, first time:** so that everyone stays safe and ready to learn.
- **Own your choices:** take responsibility for your words and your actions.

We would be very grateful for your support at home in reinforcing these expectations. When school and families share the same high standards, our pupils thrive. Please encourage your child to aim high and to strive for their personal best, always.

Neurodiversity in Schools – parental workshop

As part of the Neurodiversity in Schools Programme, we are pleased to let you know that we are hosting a parental workshop in collaboration with Embrace Wigan and Leigh. The workshop aims to provide parents with practical strategies to support children with challenging behaviour.

The event will take place on Monday 15th June at 1.30pm here in school and will be led by Andy Sampson from Embrace Wigan and Leigh. Representatives from the Wigan Parent Carer Forum will also be available to offer further advice and guidance. There is no need to book in advance, and we look forward to welcoming parents on Monday.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Galbraith

Headteacher