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SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another successful term, I wanted to keep you updated with some key information.

START/END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

We are noticing that a number of pupils are arriving at school as early as 7.00 am each morning. No pupil has been turned away from entering school, however as the official start of the school day is 8.30 am it is felt that this is far too early and presents school with a potential safeguarding issue if our staff members have not arrived on site to supervise these pupils. We would ask that after the Easter break, the earliest time that your daughter should be arriving would be 7.30 am, breakfast is served in the Dining Room from 8.00 am for any pupils who have not had chance to eat before leaving home.

Similarly at the end of the school day we are finding that a number of pupils continue to stay in school particularly late. We encourage pupils to take part in the organised after school activity clubs and also encourage those pupils who wish to remain in school, in the Learning Resource Centre to study independently. Again, after Easter, any pupils staying on site for study to make their way to the Learning Resource Centre at 2.30 pm. Similarly, any pupils who intend to stay on in school after their club has finished should make their way to the Learning Resource Centre by 4.00pm and that all pupils will then leave school by 4.30 pm at the latest, as there will not be formal supervision after this time.

Sixth Form pupils may continue to study in the 6th Form Enrichment Centre, at 4.00pm they will need to make their way to the Learning Resource Centre before leaving the building at 4.30pm.

END OF TERM – FRIDAY 7 APRIL

School will be finishing at 12.00 noon on the last day of the Spring Term. For those pupils who are entitled to receive a free school meal, they will be able on this occasion to use their allowance to purchase brunch at break time instead of a school dinner. There will be no after school clubs running on this day as staff will be involved in training and planning, therefore pupils will be required to leave school at noon as we are unable to provide supervision after this time. On this occasion, it has been possible to arrange for some of the school buses to accommodate the early finish time. The 600, 618 and 619 will be available to take pupils home, however parents will need to arrange alternative transport for pupils who normally travel by 646 bus.

PARKING

I recently alerted you to our concern over the unsafe parking of cars outside school when girls are being dropped off and picked up. May I thank you for your co-operation with this, which has improved over the last few weeks. However, my plea still goes out to those who continue to park on the double yellow/zig-zag lines outside school. The safety of all of our young people is absolutely paramount and we ask for your support again in parking safely when dropping off/picking up from school. May I also ask that respect is given to our local neighbours with whom we are trying to develop good relationships. Please avoid parking over driveways and blocking their cars in. Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated.



MULTI ACADEMY TRUST (MAT)

I wrote to you a number of months ago now, informing you that we were in dialogue with St Margaret's and St Hilda's with regard to forming a multi-academy trust.

The Diocese of Liverpool encouraged us to develop conversations with a number of Church of England primary schools in joining together to form 'The Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust.' We continue our discussions, which are in the early stages, yet are absolutely committed to maintaining and preserving the unique ethos and Christian identity that we have here at Archbishop Blanch School. I will write to you again with further news regarding the MAT as I have it.

STAFF

We say goodbye to Mrs Landen on Friday, who has been a part time Music Teacher at ABS since September 2011. Mrs Landen has contributed so much to the Performance Department over the years, particularly leading the School Orchestra and Choirs. We wish her well as she continues her career in the delivery of Music with both primary children and as a Music Tutor.

We will be joined after Easter by two new members of staff:

- Mr Davenport, as Subject Leader for Modern Foreign Languages. Mr Davenport brings with him a wealth of experience from a number of schools where he has held a range of leadership positions.
- Mrs Madeloso, who takes up the position of Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Madeloso is currently Assistant Headteacher at Alsop High School and is Vice Chair of Governors at a Church of England primary school. Mrs Madeloso brings much experience at senior leadership level and will be a great asset to the Team.

NEWSLETTER

Please look out for our 'good news' letter, which celebrates some of the fabulous achievements of our students during the last term. This will be sent out by email and will also appear on our school website.

As we approach the Easter break I ask that you keep our Year 11 and Year 13 students in your thoughts and prayers as we move toward the examination season. The students and staff have worked incredibly hard in preparing for the examinations, with a number of revision sessions running over the Easter holidays.

I wish you a happy and Holy Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday, 24 April at 8.30 am.

Yours sincerely



Ms H Duggan
Headteacher