



Archbishop Blanch
SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to share with you information about the end of term and key dates for next term.

CAROL SERVICE

A letter was sent home to parents last month giving details of our Carol Service taking place at 1.00 pm on Thursday, 21 December in the Liverpool Cathedral. Students will be dismissed at 2.30 pm from the Cathedral and parents should make suitable arrangements for their child's travel home. However, we have managed to negotiate for two of our school buses to pick up from the Cathedral at 2.30 pm on this occasion. The 600 (Garston) and 619 (Huyton) buses have agreed to come to the Cathedral and students will be collected from there. The other school buses are unable to assist in this way as they are a regulated service and cannot deviate from their normal route. Parents are most welcome to join us at the Cathedral for what is always a joyous occasion.

22 DECEMBER

Students will be dismissed from school at 12.00 noon on Friday when we break for the Christmas holiday. If your child is in receipt of a free school meal a sandwich lunch can be provided on 22 December. **If you would like to order one for your daughter, she must inform her Pastoral Leader by Wednesday, 20 December 2017.**

If your daughter/son takes the school buses home, I am pleased to inform you that on this occasion the bus companies have been able to alter the timings of the school buses to match our earlier finish time on Friday.

600 SCHOOL BUS

We would like to make parents aware that with effect from January 2018 the 600 bus will start 5 minutes earlier from Garston due to the bus being late regularly because of traffic congestion on Aigburth Road. **This service will now begin at 7.50 am instead of 7.55 am.**

DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM

Wednesday 10 January 2017	8.30 am	Return to School
Wednesday 17 January	3.00-6.00pm	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Week beginning 22 January		Year 13 Mock examination week
Thursday 25 January	6.00-8.00pm	Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 1 February	3.00-6.00pm	Year 8 Futures Evening
Wednesday, 7 February	3.00-6.00 pm	Year 13 Parents' Evening



PRIZEGIVING

I would like to share with parents the difficult decision we have taken to break with tradition and not hold our annual Prizegiving Ceremony in the Liverpool Cathedral this year. Unfortunately with the ever-increasing cost of hiring the venue and with the limitation of our school budget, we are unable to continue with this custom. We will be holding this event in school next term, details of which will be sent out when arrangements are firmly in place.

As we near the end of this busy term, again we have had a lot to celebrate as can be seen in our Newsletter posted on the website. We were delighted to be awarded the 'Outstanding Arts in a Secondary School' at the Educate Awards held last month. Students received a standing ovation at the Awards Ceremony following their performance of an 'outstanding' medley from the 'Beauty and the Beast' production staged in school at the end of last term. We were rightly proud of our students on the night. This pride continues with the way our students support the recent appeals that have been running for the less fortunate in our society with our Shoebox appeal, Foodbank donations and Mission Christmas (Cash for Kids).

We have a lot to look forward to before the end of term with the annual Sixth Form visit to spend time with the pensioners at Telford Court, the Reward Trip to Liverpool One Ice Festival for Sixth Form on Tuesday and Year 11 on Wednesday, the Pantomime visit for Years 7 and 8 on Wednesday and of course our annual Talent Show on Friday.

I wish everyone a happy, peaceful Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Yours sincerely



Ms H Duggan
Headteacher