

P&P Update

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AN END OF HALF TERM
MESSAGE FROM
the Principal

DUKE OF EDINBURGH
Bronze Award

OUR SCHOOL
RESPECT PLEDGE
AND LOTS LOTS *more...*

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I can hardly believe we've come to the end of our first half term of the 23/24 school year already (although I know both students and staff are looking forward to a rest after an intensive eight weeks) .

Saying a quick goodbye to those first day nerves, our new Year 7s have definitely made themselves at home now and we are so pleased with the progress they are making in formation time and in lessons. They're a true joy to be around!

At the beginning of the half term, P+P staff and students from all year groups were asked to start the school year on the most positive of notes by achieving the highest standards possible when it came to behaviour, attendance and uniform. And eight weeks later, I am delighted to share my immense gratitude and appreciation with you our parents in supporting us to achieve our goals.

We have seen a tremendous response from the vast majority of our students, helping us to secure a fantastic improvement in attendance and punctuality, and a marked improvement in meeting our expectations for uniform.

As we enter the next term, please help us by helping your children continue to uphold these standards. This includes no jewellery, no chewing gum, and no trainers. Any missing or incorrect uniform items will be loaned from our One Stop Shop until they're replaced from home.

Throughout the next term we will be focussing on how our school value of RESPECT is demonstrated in our day to day actions. By respecting ourselves, respecting each other and respecting the environment we learn and socialise in, we can grow in self-esteem, confidence, kindness, tolerance, and resilience, and develop a better appreciation for the facilities and resources around us.

By each doing our bit to show respect in the way we act towards each other during the school day, we will model the behaviour we expect to see from others, hold ourselves accountable for the standards we set, and build the necessary skills to lead us to success in the future.

You can find out more about how you can talk about respect with your child in this issue of the P+P Update, and once again thank you for helping us to get the new school year off to the best possible start.



Mrs Danielle Scott

Principal, Sts Peter & Paul Catholic High School



HALF TERM HERO

Our Half Term Hero award recognises and celebrates the extraordinary members of the P + P team who help to drive positive change, raise standards, and find new and better ways of working to support our students in achieving more than they thought possible.



HALF TERM 1

Name: Miss Coupar

Job Title: Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages and Literacy
Nominated by: Miss Blagg, Whole School Literacy Co-ordinator and Miss Kirby, Associate Assistant Principal English

Holding herself to the highest professional standards at all times, MFL and English Teacher Miss Coupar has not just overcome teaching outside of her specialism, she has also taken on a crucial project to raise standards for our lowest ability learners

Miss Blagg said "It's the littlest things she does that she probably thinks goes unnoticed the most, that makes her so special. She does her best for all of her students in her classes, and has really taken to understanding some of the issues faced by our weakest readers developing different and creative ways to help build their confidence, and finding different resources that really suit their interests to keep them engaged. She has also built a strong team around her, working with our fantastic TAs to provide a first class literacy service."

In her nomination, Associate Assistant Principal of English Miss Kirby said, "Miss Coupar has tirelessly supported the new Literacy initiative and has helped so much with supporting a new member of the staff in the Wilson Centre, as well as supporting the new reading team with absence. She has ensured that every student, regardless of if they are in her class or not, has high quality resources and is able to engage with Literacy. Her support and positivity have been invaluable."

On presenting Miss Coupar with her award, Principal Scott said, 'Miss Coupar is an utter professional and one of the most consistent members of our team, bringing a level of dedication, determination and conscientiousness every day to school that sets the standard for many. We're delighted to recognise her achievements at this level this half term. This is well deserved and we hope you enjoy your reward.'



NOMINATE YOUR HALF TERM HERO

Our nomination form is open every day of the school year.

Every member of our team can be nominated, as each and every one of them plays an important role in the delivery of quality teaching and support, whether or not their role involves direct contact with students or parents.

**Scan here
to nominate**



If you've received exceptional support, care, or service from a member of our staff, you can nominate them as a Half Term Hero by visiting our school website or scanning here.



NOW OPEN

EVERY MORNING

23rd October - 17th November
8:00 - 8:35am
HOT CANTEEN

OUR SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

RESPECT.

It's one of our core school values, but it underpins so much of what we stand for as a school, as students, and as staff.

This term we will renew our focus on the concept of RESPECT, and how it can influence us all to aim higher, expect more, and be the best person we can be every day, inside and outside of school.

To further demonstrate our commitment to ensuring we lead by and set the example for our students and families through our every day actions, our staff will be signing a whole school Respect Pledge on our next Inset Day.

“I pledge to demonstrate the highest levels of respect to my colleagues, our students, and the school through my appearance, attendance and conduct.”

P+P Staff Pledge



Mrs Scott, Principal, signs our staff respect pledge

OUR SCHOOL RESPECT PLEDGE

Our students, staff and visitors will see reminders throughout school on their return from the half term break about what RESPECT means to us, how we can show RESPECT through our behaviour, and how we treat others and the environment around us, forming the basis for core school rules that we can all follow and remember.

RULE 1. RESPECT YOURSELF

There's no question about it. YOU ARE BRILLIANT! And every day you should be able to celebrate how brilliant you are by showing yourself the highest levels of respect.

- Start the day off in a positive way by getting dressed correctly and arriving on time to school.
- Tell yourself the things you like about you! The more you hear how talented, smart, kind, and caring you are, the more you believe in yourself and the greater your confidence grows.
- When you respect and feel good about yourself, the more likely you are to spread that around to others... which brings us to RULE 2.



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OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

RESPECT

YOURSELF

- Follow our school expectations
- Wear full school uniform and bring equipment for learning
- Attend school each day and be on time

EACH OTHER

- Show good manners, listen and respect the opinion of others
- Celebrate & praise the efforts of ourselves & others
- Respect the right of others to be safe
- Respect our differences and celebrate individuality

OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Use the bins to dispose of litter
- Take care of communal areas, dining rooms and toilets
- Help to keep our classrooms tidy

COMPASSION | RESPECT | ASPIRATION

RULE 2. RESPECT EACH OTHER

In school we are a community. A family.

And just like any family, there are times when we might see or do things differently to others.

No matter what. We must uphold the utmost respect for each other, no matter those differences.

You never know what someone else is going through, so offer kindness, tolerance or support at all times.

Treating others the way we would like to be treated is a good rule of thumb no matter the circumstances.

Another way to RESPECT each other leads us to RULE 3!

RULE 3. RESPECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

We are extremely fortunate in school to have access to the great facilities we have on site.

Respecting our environment shows we don't take these things for granted.

And when we show we can take care of things and look after them properly, the more we can invest in making those facilities and resources even better in future.

It also shows respect for other people who put time into making our school environment look its best and to those who need to use classrooms, yards, sports halls, bathrooms, and communal spaces next.

The little things you do to help make a big difference!

FAITH IN ACTION AWARD



The Catholic Youth Ministry Federation Faith in Action Award rewards young people who follow the example of Jesus by serving the wider community and accepting greater responsibility for their faith in action.

This term, Miss Smith, Chaplaincy Co-ordinator and English Teacher Mr Lorne welcomed Year 7, 8, and 11 students into our very first Faith in Action programme. The students were selected for their excellent applications and their all round positive attitudes in school.

HOW DOES THE FAITH IN ACTION AWARD WORK?

There are four levels of award: Pin, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Participants accrue credits of service in their parish and/or school and the wider community.

The Faith in Action Award builds on what young people already experience in serving others, asking them to reflect upon it so that they may find new ways of living out and exploring their faith.

There is an opportunity for both guided reflections, through group reflection points and personal reflection, through journaling.

At the end of the scheme, participants submit a final piece of work for moderation before being awarded their Faith in Action Award.

We wish you all the best of luck and can't wait to hear all about your achievements!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



A group of year 11 students stepped forward this week to take the lead on a thought provoking Collective Worship topic with resounding success.

The students worked together to create a presentation raising awareness of key themes centred around Black History Month.

Sharing their personal experiences and insights, they really brought to life the importance of treating people with respect and the need for true equality in society.

Well done.



HALF TERM REFLECTION

'Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good'
Romans 12:21

VISIT THE CHAPEL

Student 'safe space' session

Break time
Tuesdays and
Thursdays

Staff prayer group
8:15am
Fridays



STUDENT LEADERS

A huge congratulations to our newly appointed student leaders for 22/23.

At the start of the school year, all students in each year group were invited to apply for a variety of student leader roles within our school. The successful applicants could then choose to champion one of the following areas:

- Anti-bullying
- Careers
- Chaplaincy
- Eco
- Fundraising
- Mental Health



Earlier this month, the student leader body celebrated starting their new roles with a 'Breakfast with the Principal'.

Mrs Scott said, "It's been an absolute pleasure meeting our new student leaders this morning. Already they've presented some really exciting ideas for improvements in different areas of the school. This is what it's all about, giving our students the confidence to use their voice, take action, and lead the way."



Next half term, we are launching an exciting new leadership experience for year 8 students.

STUDENT STEWARDS

In line with the Catholic principle of stewardship, each student in year 8 will have the opportunity to be a 'student steward' for one morning during the school year, for a one of a kind chance to demonstrate their role as a responsible guardian of our school.

Student stewards will share our P+P vision by fully participating in school life whilst gaining 'behind the scenes' experience of how a school works, building leadership and practical skills, and developing their confidence and accountability.

HOW WILL IT WORK?

The student steward will report to reception at the time of their duty. They'll log into their online learning platforms and carry out independent learning or reading in the comfort of their own 'office', until given a task, which might include:

- Delivering messages around school on behalf of reception
- Supporting the planning and preparation ahead of school events
- Preparing items for sale/loan in the One Stop Shop
- Supporting administration duties, for example, filing papers or sorting post
- Being responsible for logging and sorting lost and found property

Student Steward co-ordinator, Mr Bower, said, "We hope that by giving their time and talents to the school our students understand the difference they can make to others and what a positive and meaningful contribution they can make to our school outside of lessons."

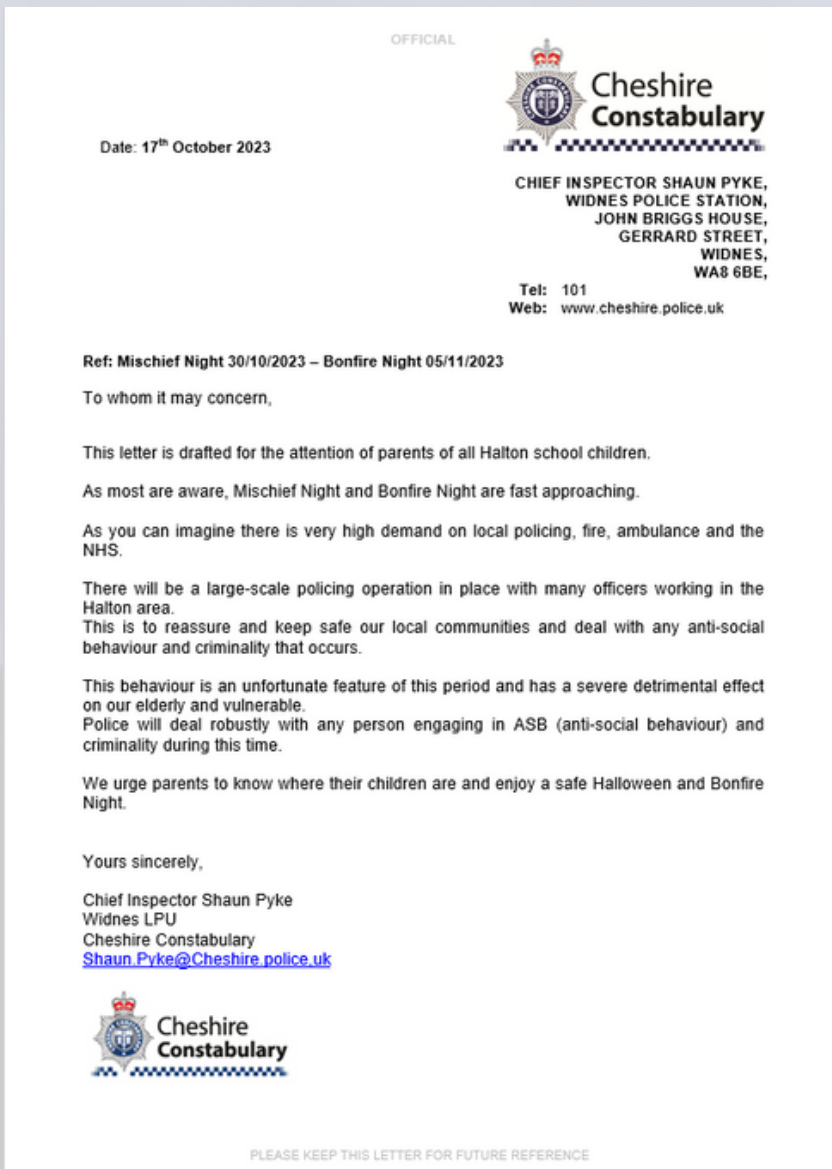


STAYING SAFE THIS HALF TERM

With Halloween and Bonfire Night both taking place during the half term break there are lots of opportunities for our students and families to have some Autumnal fun.

But it's also important to stay safe and out of trouble too.

Here's some advice and tips from our local police and fire service to help us show our respect in our local community and stay out of danger this half term.



Fireworks should only be in the possession of someone of 18 years or older.

If you are under 18 and caught with fireworks, it could lead to arrest and going to court.

Anti-Social Behaviour is defined as
“Any conduct that has caused, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person”

If you are worried about someone behaving dangerously, call the police on 101 or dial 999 in an emergency

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

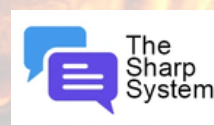
SPEAK TO A QUALIFIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL



Whatever's on your mind, ChatHealth can help. Even if you just need someone who understands or want advice for a friend.



REPORT BULLYING
IN CONFIDENCE



<https://saitsnetandnaul.thesharpsystem.com>



FOR WELLBEING SUPPORT
OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL VISIT...



Bonfire Night advice from



Cheshire
Fire & Rescue Service
75 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES

This time of year is one of the busiest for firefighters, as they often have to deal with nuisance, deliberate fires.

We want you to enjoy celebrations, but to do so safely.

We would always recommend going to an organised bonfire or firework display as it is much safer to do so.

STOP, DROP, ROLL

Always remember, if your clothing catches fire – STOP, DROP and ROLL.

If your clothes catch fire, running around won't help.

You must always stop, drop to the ground (cover your face with your hands) and roll over and over.

Make sure you roll over a few times, to ensure that you put the fire out.



Bonfire Night organised events in Cheshire

Saturday 4 November

Fireworks spectacular at Gulliver's World in Warrington

Family Fireworks & Bonfire, Stockton Heath – Stockton Heath Scout Centre, Parkgate Road, Stockton Heath, WA4 2AP

Bonfire and firework display at Thelwall Parish Hall – Thelwall WA4 2SX

Northwich Firefest at Verdin Park in Northwich

Sunday 5 November

Bonfire and Fireworks Night at Spooky World in Warrington

Crocky trail firework display – The Crocky Trail Ltd Cotton Abbotts Waverton Chester CH3 7PH

Bonfire and Firework display in Tarporley – Entrance by Lych Gate, St Helens Church, High Street, Tarporley

Halton Fireworks display – fireworks will be launched from the Silver Jubilee Bridge. Viewing areas are Mersey Road, Runcorn and West Bank, Widnes

First aid – following a burn or scald

Good first aid following a burn or scald can make an enormous difference in recovery times and the severity of scarring.

Remember to COOL, CALL, COVER.

First aid advice from the British Burn Association:

- Cool the burn with running cold tap water for 20 minutes and remove all clothing and jewellery (unless it is melted or firmly stuck to the wound).
- Call for help: 999, 111 or local GP for advice.
- Cover with cling film or a sterile, non-fluffy dressing or cloth. Make sure the patient is kept warm.



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EDINBURGH'S AWARD

This term fifty of our Year 10 students took part in a two day walking expedition near Frodsham for their Bronze DofE award, putting their hiking, navigation and camping skills to the test.

After a downpouring of rain in the days leading up to the walk, the group got off to a great start with the sun shining overhead.

Helping each other over the miles, the students passed through each check point with lots of smiles and laughter (and minimal grumbling) to make it safely to camp at the end of the first day.

After a night in their tents, our year 10s took off once again through Helsby and its surrounding villages to complete their challenge and be reunited with their families at the finish line.

Expedition leader Mr Caine said, 'The weather was extremely kind to us over the two days, which we were all very grateful for. There has been an upbeat mood in camp, and within our teams, that has kept us all going even when we've felt out of our comfort zones.'

Congratulations to all of you. We can't wait for your next big challenge!

**SIGN UP FOR THIS YEAR'S
BRONZE AWARD
PROGRAMME**



**Our next Duke of Edinburgh
Bronze award programme is now
open to Year 9 students.**

**If you would still like to find out
more about what the bronze
award involves, speak to Mr
Caine or Miss Cunningham and
sign up before Friday 17th
November.**



Attendance

ARE YOU IN? MATTERS

This term we have seen a noticeable increase in attendance across all year groups, and that's thanks to you our families for your support in enabling your child to arrive at school on time and attend lessons each and every day.

Being in school really is so important to each and every student. From building social skills and life skills to achieving the highest possible grades at GCSE, excellent attendance is vital.

You can continue to support us by:

- Setting positive morning routines
- Ensuring your child is in school between 8:35 and 8:40am
- Updating any absences every day via ClassCharts
- Avoid booking holidays during term time
- Trying to book medical appointments outside of the school day where possible.

END OF DAY CATCH UP

We are seeing continued improvements in the number of students following our school expectations and being punctual to lessons, allowing them to leave school at 2:50pm each day.

Let's keep this going next half term, as we we'd like to see even fewer faces in 'catch up' sessions after school as possible.

ATTENDANCE HEROES HALF TERM 1

You've got to be in to win!!

For children and families with medical conditions, attendance at school can often be a source of worry.

If you haven't already, please contact your child's progress leader to discuss how we can best support their education and learning.

WIN A £20 VOUCHER FOR
WITH OUR  **JUST EAT**
AMAZING ATTENDANCE AWARD

From next term, we will be awarding a prize to a student from each year group who has 100% attendance for that week every Friday.

All students who have been on time and in school from Monday to Friday in a single week will be entered into a draw to win a £20 Just Eat voucher to celebrate with their family over a takeaway at the weekend!

1ST



98.2%

EXCELLENT WORK
07 LORNE!!

2ND



97.2%

CONGRATULATIONS
07 PROCTOR

3RD



97.1%

WELL DONE
08 SWIDERSKA

DATES TO REMEMBER



NOVEMBER 2023

6th | INSET DAY | Staff only

7th - 17th | Year 11 mocks

13th | Anti-Bullying Week

13th | Duke of Edinburgh after school club begins

29th | Year 11 Christmas Carol trip

TBC | Class of 2023 Presentation Evening

DECEMBER 2023

3rd | Start of Advent

4th - 15th | Year 9 & 10 ASPIRE weeks

4th | Music visit to Widnes Fellowship Centre

5th | Music nursing home visit

5th | Flu vaccinations

7th | Music nursing home visit

8th | Christmas Jumper Day

13th | Staff Advent Service

14th | Year 11 GCSE Parent Information Evening

22nd | SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 2024

4th | INSET DAY | Staff only

5th | INSET DAY | Staff only

8th | SCHOOL OPENS

8th - 19th | Year 7 & 8 ASPIRE weeks

11th | Year 11 | Parents Evening

24th | Year 9 | Options Evening

27th | Holocaust Memorial Day



SCAN ME!



Take a look at our school calendar on our website
<https://www.saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk/calendar>

COMMENTS & COMPLIMENTS

WELL DONE YEAR 11

"I work in a college in Liverpool and a colleague's husband happens to work at the Shakespeare North Playhouse.

At lunchtime today my colleague was talking with others in the office about how delightful P&P students and staff had been on their visit to the theatre. Her husband had arrived home so happy about how polite the students were, how well the staff knew their students and how they brought bags to clean their rubbish away and were just generally lovely and respectful.

It was so lovely to hear such nice comments in a different city about our school and know that it's good reputation spreads beyond Widnes."

NEXT EDITION

Winter 2023

Many thanks to everyone who has been involved in producing this edition, if you would like to contribute to future editions please contact: communications@saintspeterandpaul.halton.sch.uk
The deadline for submissions for the next P&P Update is 15th October 2023

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