



MIDDLEWICH HIGH SCHOOL

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20th July 2022

Dear families,

I am writing to provide you with some important end of term updates. This year has proved to be one of both challenge and reward. I am delighted that we seem to have finally moved out of the pandemic phase. Whilst we still undoubtedly feel the effects nationally and within our community at school level our educational provision feels like it is back to where we want it to be.

Over the last half term, we carefully planned a series of enrichment opportunities for students to ensure that our children leave for the summer with happy memories. It has been wonderful to welcome our new intake students and also to welcome families to the first open evening in three years only two weeks ago. Another first for the school has been the colour run that ended our sports festival - a fantastic event to bookend a brilliant day of sport and competition. Observing our students do an impromptu rendition of 'Sweet Caroline' on the sports field really was a special moment. Whilst the heat has interrupted our Petty Pool visit we **will** be running this in September for current Years 7&8.

Last week the school show West Side Story was nothing short of exceptional. Once again this is the first show for some time at the school, our newly appointed Performing Arts team absolutely excelled themselves in their leadership of this. It has been fantastic to see so many students involved in rehearsals and stage direction. It was wonderful to see a fully inclusive cast and to observe the courage and the talent of so many of our students.

We have also been delighted to welcome our first Ukrainian family to the school. It has been wonderful to witness students coming forward to offer support as we do all we can to remove any language barriers. Our family has settled really well, their courage is an inspiration to us all. It is an honour to be able to offer them some Middlewich love and kindness following their traumatic experiences at home.

Staff Leavers:

I need to make you aware of some staff changes for September. I want to reassure you that we have recruited strongly for September to replace staff who have retired or moved on to promoted posts. The following staff will be leaving us at the end of term:

Mrs O'Rourke - Head of Creative Arts; Mr Lewis - Teacher of Science; Mrs Robinson ACL Yr10&11 & Teacher of PE; Mrs Croft - Team Secretary; Mrs Rose - Maths Teacher; Mrs Grupionni - Maths Teacher; Mrs Taylor - Maths Teacher; Mrs Atkinson - MFL Teacher; Mrs Edwards - Data Manager & Exams Officer; Mr Wiseman AHT Safeguarding & Inclusion; Mrs Cottrell AHT Maths & Achievement; Mrs Ashworth & Mrs Scott Learning Practitioners

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New Starters / New Roles

- Mrs Povey - Deputy Headteacher - Quality of Education
- Mrs Colclough - Deputy Headteacher - Character & Inclusion
- Miss Finch - Educational Support Worker Yr7
- Miss Wilkinson - Educational Support Worker Yr9
- Mrs Tarbuck - KS4 Deputy SENDCO
- Mrs Cheetham - KS3 Deputy SENDCO
- Mrs Jones - Teacher of Science
- Mr Tidyman - Teacher of Science
- Mrs Lamb - Second in MFL
- Mrs Woolf - MFL teacher
- Mrs Freedman - Head of Maths
- Mr Allen - Second in Maths
- Miss Young - Maths teacher
- Miss Eyres, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Roberts & Mrs Mahon Learning Practitioners supporting our Enhanced Provision
- Mrs Dean - Interim Head of Art
- Mr Nicholson - Interim Head of DT

Pastoral Support & Inclusion Updates

We have now recruited and restructured our pastoral inclusion team to add capacity to the support we can offer students in each year group. The staffing structure for September is as follows:

- Deputy Head i.c Character & Inclusion - Mrs Colclough
- Assistant Head i/c Character & Inclusion & Achievement lead for Yr11 - Ms Holt
- Yr7&8 Achievement Lead - Mrs Hanson
- Yr9&10 Achievement Lead - Mrs Lythgow

Educational Support Workers:

- Yrs10&11 Mrs Clark
- Yr9 Miss Wilkinson
- Yr8 Mr Maxted
- Yr7 Miss Finch
- Inclusion Manager Mrs Taylor

Yr11 Exam results

We have written to Yr11 families separately to outline the process for results day. Yr11 students can collect results on the 25th August between 9-10.30am from the sports hall. Access to the sports hall will be via the leisure centre car park. Staff will be on hand to guide students.

Site Investment:

We have a number of building projects planned and underway on site. We will be clearing aspects of the site to increase space for students during social time. Our Enhanced Provision is being completely refurbished and is due to be opened in September on our return. This will bring our Resource Provision area together and will include the addition of a forest school teaching space which will support students with sensory needs. The school has been successful in securing £1million of funding to repair roofs - this work is planned to take place in the Autumn term. We will also welcome a new catering company, Caterlink, to site. We have planned an additional food pod to be situated in the Drama yard, this is due to be delivered in the Autumn term and will enhance our catering provision across site.

New school day:

A reminder that when we start back in September we will be following a new school day:

Time	Lesson
8.35 Gates open	
8.40-9.10	Personal Development/Reading
9.10-10.10	Lesson 1
10.10-10.30	Break
10.30-11.30	Lesson 2
11.30-12.30	Lesson 3
12.30-13.10	Lunch All Years
13.10-14.10	Lesson 4
14.10-15.10	Lesson 5

We will continue to use different entrances for students:

- Yr10&11 Science Gates
- Yr7&8 Drama Gates
- Yr9 Reception Gates

Safeguarding over the summer

School is closed from Wednesday 20th August until September the 5th 2022. Staff will not be monitoring emails during this time. If you have any safeguarding concerns over the holiday you can report these to the following agencies:

Cheshire East Children's Social Care -

Call ChECS 0300 123 5012 8.30am - 5pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am-4.30pm on a Friday
If you have a urgent concerns out of these hours, please call the emergency team: **0300 123 5022**

Cheshire West and Chester Children's Social Care -

Call i-ART 0300 123 7047 8.30am - 5pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am-4.30pm on a Friday:
If you have a urgent concerns out of these hours, please call the emergency team: **01244 977277**

Start to term:

I will write to you all again at the end of the holidays but please see below our plan for the first week back in school. We will again be utilising our phased return approach to ensure we support Yr7 on their first day with us. This means that on the 5th September only Yr11&7 will attend. On the 6th September all years then attend. The plan for the first two days of school is as follows:

Monday 5th ONLY Years 7 & 11

Year Group	Form	P1	Break	P2	P3	Lunch	P4	P5
Yr7	Assembly Welcome	Tutor		Lessons Begin	Lessons Begin		Lessons	Lessons
Yr11	Tutor	Assembly		Lessons Begin	Lessons Begin		Lessons	Lessons

Tuesday 6th All Years In:

Year Group	Form	P1	Break	P2	P3	Lunch	P4	P5
Yr7	Tutor: Reading	STEM		Lessons	Lessons		Lessons	Lessons
Yr11	Tutor: Reading	Study Habits		Lessons	Lessons		Lessons	Lessons
Yr10	Assembly	Tutors		Lessons	Lessons		Lessons	Lesson
Yr 9	Tutors	Assembly		Lessons	Lessons		Lessons	Lesson
Yr 8	Tutors	Assembly		Lessons	Lessons		Lessons	Lesson

Home School Agreement

We have revised our home-school agreement to be much more specific than in previous years, this is included in the email with this letter. For example, we have focused on some of the small uniform issues that are important to us as a school because they make students smart and respectful. Please read through this carefully as a family so that you are clear on the school expectations.

We appreciate that our students like to express themselves during the school holidays when 6 weeks provides ample time for hair colour etc to return to normal by the time we start back in September. Please ensure that any decision you may make around piercings / hair colour does not put your child in conflict with the school expectations when we return. Please see the link below for guidance on acceptable footwear for school as many sports brands market trainers or pumps as a shoe, to increase sales. <s://www.mhs.school/page/?title=School+Shoes&pid=233http>

Finally, I am incredibly proud of our school community. Under challenging circumstances our staff have worked tirelessly, often fulfilling more than one role as we have managed staff absence due to COVID. Our students have demonstrated resilience and adaptability and have supported us in our endeavours to keep the school open. Our families and the wider community have worked with us providing important feedback that we have listened to whilst also acknowledging successes. Effective education is the result of strong partnerships, as a school we will continue to strengthen our partnerships in 2022 - 2023.

Wishing you all a happy and safe summer where you can enjoy quality time together and come back in September refreshed and ready to learn.

Best wishes

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