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1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you all well. I thought it a good time to drop a quick communication to everyone to thank you for your continuing support. Our students have returned to school this year more determined and focused than I have ever seen them. Punctuality and attendance have improved, standards of uniform are great and the general demeanour of the vast majority of our young people is excellent. Thank you, parents and carers, your support of our ethos and behaviour systems is crucial to helping us all make the school the best possible place it can be for everyone.

I would also like to thank those of you who took the time to complete our parental survey at the end of last term. I was delighted with the feedback you provided. We have gone through and taken note of your suggestions as to how we can make the school even better and senior staff have been in touch with individuals who left their contact details to discuss particular issues raised. Your opinions are important to all of us and the findings have been shared with the Governors and with colleagues in our new Trust.

We formally became a member of the Southport Learning Trust as of 1<sup>st</sup> September. Already, as a community, we are feeling the benefit of being part of a larger family of schools. Many staff are now involved with a wider support group and attending training and developmental opportunities to help facilitate further improvement across the school. Our students will have further opportunities to get involved in a wider array of activities and events and we hope to be able to make further improvements to our accommodation and site as time progresses by being a member of the Trust. You can find out more about the Southport Learning Trust by visiting their website: <https://southportlearningtrust.org/>. You will have received a recent communication in relation to using the new Trust's ICT systems. Part of all of us moving across is to sign up to their Acceptable Use Policy. Thank you if you have already done so but if you haven't, please discuss the contents with your child and make the return as soon as possible. If you have any questions in relation to this, please get in touch.

Unfortunately, we have had a young man who was hit by a car whilst going home from school, on his bike, last week. You will be aware that the traffic situation is very precarious both in the morning and at home time around 3.20pm. I would like to remind everyone who is in the area, in a car, to be especially aware of the number of children at these times. We also urge all bike riders to wear helmets, despite training events, safety assemblies and constant reminders, it is worrying the amount of our young people who still do not wear them. The young person in question has sustained a broken leg and will hopefully make a full recovery in time, we wish him well. Please show consideration and patience when on the roads around our school, please watch your speed and please avoid parking on the yellow zig-zag lines at the front at these very busy periods.

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I would like to highlight a change of date from our published calendar. Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 was highlighted as a staff INSET Day, please note that this will now be a normal school day for all students. Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 will instead be a staff INSET Day meaning that the summer holidays will commence on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July. This was looked at following several parental queries and is a change from the suggested LA dates. I think this will prove more beneficial to everyone in terms of holiday dates.

Finally, congratulations to all of our cohort of students in last year's Y11 and Y13. It is lovely to welcome so many of them back to our Sixth Form and to hear so many fantastic stories of how they are settling into university life. Another set of brilliant results have meant that the vast majority are pursuing their aspirations to the full. I wish all of them every success in the next exciting chapter in their lives.

With every good wish,

Mr M McGarry  
Headteacher