



3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

## Half Term 4 – End of Term Letter

It has once again been an actioned packed half term.

### Partnership Events and Successes

We were delighted with the success of our Deep Learning Day last Wednesday. 70 visitors from a wide range of organisations visited our school and students found the day to be a very rewarding experience.

20 students celebrated the end of their 8 week coding sessions with Innovate Her. The girls enjoyed the experience and we are delighted to have forged a great partnership with 'code computer love'.

During this half term, 270 students from Year 10 experienced the world of work on their work experience placement. Students experienced a very wide range of work places from hospitals, schools and businesses in Manchester.

Forty of our Year 9 students attended our annual Inspirational Women event at Alliance Manchester Business School. The students listened to a group of inspirational women from a wide diversity of careers as well as joining workshops to develop their skills.

Our school website shows lots of interesting features and successes, for example:

“This year’s British Science Week at Whalley Range was packed full of fantastic demonstrations, interviews, activities, competitions and a Science Fair, where students presented their own research and outcomes. I am sure many of these students will be scientists of the future.”

### Expectations

We have very high expectations of our students both in lessons and around school. It is important that students show self-responsibility in their day-to-day life in school and keep to our high standards in terms of behaviour, uniform and completion of homework.

I would like to thank students for their hard work in their studies over this last term and their commitment to leadership and extra-curricular activities. Please encourage your daughter to take part if she is not already involved in extra activities.

## **Achievement**

Students in Years 10, 11 and the Sixth Form have been sitting their Pre Public Exams in the weeks before the holidays. It is vital that they understand the areas that they need to work on in the lead up to their final examinations, which start on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018**. If your daughter has been invited to any revision sessions in the holidays, it is important that she attends for the times given and signs in and out. Students must be punctual and ready to start each session at 10.00am. Throughout the exam season, we will be communicating key information to your daughter by email.

## **VLE (Virtual Learning Environment)**

We are continuing to develop our VLE and a lot of revision material and class activities are now available for use at home via the internet. Please ask your daughter to log on and show you the latest developments at <http://vle.wrhs1118.co.uk/>

## **Parent Zone's Digital Schools' Membership**

Our school is part of Parent Zone's Digital Schools Membership programme, recognising our commitment to keeping our pupils safer online, and making sure we work with you to achieve this.

Our Digital Schools membership gives you FREE access to Parent Zone's brand new Parent Lounge with: online training, expert advice and information on all things digital and access to a free help service for all your tech questions.

To get started, go to <https://parentzone.org.uk/parents/discover-parent-lounge> and use the discount code **DSP16** to ensure you have free access.

Parents may also be interest in an app available from Qustodio which allows parents to supervise the devices used by their children. Control of one device is free, although additional devices will incur a charge. Visit <https://www.qustodio.com/en/> for more information.

## **Attendance**

Every day's attendance makes a difference to your daughter's learning and achievement; we are very pleased with our attendance figures at the moment and there has been a big improvement in punctuality. A reminder that all students should be in their form rooms for 8.30am. All students should leave the premises at the end of the day unless they are attending extra classes or using the Library for studying.

This term finishes on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm** and all students are due back in school on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 8.30am**.

## **Safety**

I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents, carers and students of the section in our Behaviour Policy which refers to bladed articles. It states very clearly that they should not be brought into school for any reason, under any pretext. There can be no excuse for this and if any student brings a bladed article or sharp instrument into school it will be treated very seriously. The Behaviour Policy is located on our website [www.wrhs1118.co.uk](http://www.wrhs1118.co.uk). Thank you for your support and co-operation.

## **Parking**

Please could I ask all parents to put student safety first. It is important to park well away from the school, and drive safely at all times near our school. Please encourage your daughter to walk to school where possible.

## **Key Contact Information**

If you would like to speak to someone about your daughter's progress, personal development or have any concerns, please contact your daughter's House Office on one of the numbers given below:

### **Angelou House** (Phone 0161 860 2975)

Head of House – Miss Bakare  
House Coordinator – Mr Ellis-Scott  
House Admin – Mrs Luker

### **Franklin House** (0161 860 2977)

Head of House – Ms Birchenough  
House Coordinator – Mr Mustafa  
House Admin – Miss Rani

### **Germain House** (0161 860 2978)

Head of House – Miss Bevan  
House Coordinator – Mrs Mackenzie  
House Admin – Mrs Hannan

### **Hepburn House** (0161 860 2976)

Head of House – Mr Mustafa  
House Coordinator – Miss Burrows  
House Admin – Mrs Booth

### **Parks House** (0161 860 2979)

Head of House – Mr Atkinson  
Assistant Head of House – Miss Lynam  
House Coordinator – Mrs Osikoya  
House Admin – Ms Carroll

### **Sixth Form** (0161 860 2984)

Head of Year 12 – Mrs Z Maloney-Rock  
Head of Year 13 – Mrs Z Davies  
Assistant Head of Year 13 – Miss Oliver  
Sixth Form Admin – Mrs Khaliq

Please find enclosed the Term Dates for the remaining of this academic year and the new Term Dates for the 2019-2020 academic year.

May I wish you a happy holiday. Please encourage your daughter to read as much as possible over the Easter Holidays.

Yours sincerely



Mrs E Hole  
Academy Headteacher

# Term dates for the Academic Year September 2018 – July 2019

## Spring Term

**Term ends:** Friday 5 April 2019

**Easter break:** Monday 8 April – Monday 22 April 2019

## Summer Term

**Term starts:** Tuesday 23 April 2019

**Half term holiday:** Monday 27 May 2019 – Friday 31 May 2019

**Teacher Training Day:** **to be taken around** 4 or 5 June 2019 – **closed to students (Date to be confirmed nearer the time).**

**Term ends:** Friday 19 July 2019

**Teacher Training Days:** Monday 22 July and Tuesday 23 July 2019 – **closed to students.**

## Public Holidays

Good Friday – Friday 19 April 2019

Easter Monday – Monday 22 April 2019

May Day – Monday 6 May 2019

Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 27 May 2019

## Teacher Training Days – School closed to students

**Teacher Training day scheduled to be taken around** 4 or 5 June 2019 **(date to be confirmed).**

Monday 22 July 2019

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

## Leave of absence in Term Time

If your daughter has time off before or after any school holiday, her absence will be classed as Unauthorised Absence and the Local Authority may issue a penalty notice. (You should also be aware that if her absence exceeds 20 days, her name may be removed from our register).

Any leave of absence in term time must be applied for at least 10 days in advance. Official forms for this purpose are obtainable from Student Services. I would also advise you that any Unauthorised Leave taken during term time may incur a penalty fine from the Local Authority. The fine will be £120 per parent per child reduced to £60 per parent per child if paid with 21 days.

# Term dates for the Academic Year September 2019- July 2020

## Autumn Term

**Teacher Training Day:** Monday 2 September 2019 – closed to students  
**Teacher Training Day:** Tuesday 3 September 2019 – closed to students  
**Term starts:** Wednesday 4 September 2019  
**Half term holiday:** Monday 28 October 2019 – Friday 1 November 2019  
**Teacher Training Day:** Friday 29 November 2019 – closed to students  
**Term ends:** Friday 20 December 2019  
**Christmas holiday:** Monday 23 December 2019 – Friday 3 January 2020

## Spring Term

**Term starts:** Monday 6 January 2020  
**Half term holiday:** Monday 17 February 2020 – Friday 21 February 2020  
**Term ends:** Friday 3 April 2020  
**Easter break:** Monday 6 April 2020 – Friday 17 April 2020

## Summer Term

**Term starts:** Monday 20 April 2020  
**May Day holiday:** Monday 4 May 2020  
**Teacher Training Day:** Friday 22 May 2020 – closed to students **Year 11 students to attend any scheduled GCSE exams**  
**Half term holiday:** Monday 25 May 2020 – Friday 29 May 2020  
**Term ends:** Friday 17 July 2020  
**Teacher Training Days:** Monday 20 July 2020 – closed to students

## Public Holidays

Christmas Day – Wednesday 25 December 2019  
Boxing Day – Thursday 26 December 2019  
New Year's Day – Wednesday 1 January 2020  
Good Friday – Friday 10 April 2020  
Easter Monday – Monday 13 April 2020  
May Day – Monday 4 May 2020  
Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 25 May 2020