



Whalley Range 11-18 High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

END OF HALF TERM 5 LETTER

This letter is to bring you up to date with what has been yet another action packed half term, at Whalley Range 11-18 High School.

The school will be closed on **Wednesday 5th June** but any students who have exams must come in on this date.

SSAT Award

We were delighted to have been asked yet again to join the Leading Edge Partnership Programme, a national network of exclusively high-performing secondary and special schools. The programme is run by the Schools, Students and Teachers network (SSAT), and is made up of schools who have demonstrated statistically significant levels of progress and that their students perform above the national average. Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said "We are delighted to welcome Whalley Range 11-18 High School to our Leading Edge network. It is a credit to the hard work of all of their staff and students that they have been recognised as high-performing and we look forward to working with them." We have received an SSAT award for being in the top 20% of schools nationally for progress for the fifth year running.

Exams

I would like to congratulate the students on their exemplary behaviour during the exams that they have taken before the half term. Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 have all been working extremely hard preparing for and sitting their exams. There are more exams still to come after the half term and so it is important that your daughter continues to revise over the half term and attend any revision classes that she has been invited to in the holiday. These run from 10.00am – 1.00pm and your daughter must report at reception at 9.45am to be escorted to her classroom.

I wish all the students taking their exams the very best of luck. The other year groups will be doing their final assessments for the year during next half term so it is important that they prepare for them so they can do their best. There are important study skills to help your daughter revise on the school website.

We are continuing to develop our VLE and revision materials 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/>

We were very pleased to receive a letter from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP (Minister of State for School Standards) congratulating the staff and pupils on the outstanding progress our pupils are making and our school's high level of GCSE entry. You can read the full letter, which is published on our school's website.

Safety of Students

Please could I ask all parents/carers to put safety first and park and drive safely at all times near school. It would be much appreciated if you could avoid dropping your daughter off on the main road outside of school. There have been many instances of dangerous driving at the front of school which puts students at risk of being involved in an accident.

Emails

The school's main method of communication with parents/carers is via email. This not only saves the school much needed resources, but also increases the speed that you receive communications from school. It is therefore very important that we have an accurate email address. If we do not have an accurate email address, please contact your daughter's House Office to provide this information (please see the Key Contact Information for the relevant details).

Attendance and Punctuality

Every day's attendance makes a difference to your daughter's learning and achievement; and it is important that all students are on time to school.

This term finishes on Friday 24th May, at 3.00pm and all students are due back in school on **Monday 3rd June for 8.20am, ready to start the day at 8.30am.**

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 Co-ordinator – Mr Ellis-Scott
House Admin – Mrs Luker

Franklin House (0161 860 2977)

Head of House – Mrs Witt
House Co-ordinator – Mr H Mustafa
House Admin – Miss Rani

Germain House (0161 860 2978)

Head of House – Miss Bevan
House Co-ordinator – Mrs Mackenzie
House Admin – Mrs Hannan

Hepburn House (0161 860 2976)

Head of House – Mr B Mustafa
House Co-ordinator – Miss Burrows
House Admin – Mrs Booth

Parks House (0161 860 2979)

Head of House – Miss Costello

House Co-ordinator – Mrs Osikoya

House Admin – Miss 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 attached the holiday dates for the rest of this academic year and the 2019/2020 academic year.

May I wish you a happy holiday and Eid Mubarak for those of you celebrating Eid after the holidays. Please encourage your daughter to read as much as possible over the holidays.

Yours sincerely



Mrs E Hole
Academy Headteacher

Term dates for the Academic Year September 2018 – July 2019

Summer Term

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

Teacher Training Day: Wednesday 5 June 2019 – **closed to students.**

Term ends: Friday 19 July 2019

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

Public Holidays

Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 27 May 2019

Teacher Training Days – School closed to students

Wednesday 5th June 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd 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