

To All Parents and Carers

17 July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support this year in helping us to deliver a high quality of education to our students. It has been a fantastic year with students showing how eager they are to learn and engage in lessons across all subjects in school.

Over 500,000 Class Charts Positive Praise points have been awarded since September. Many students across all year groups achieved Bronze, Silver or Gold Badge awards and some students in Year 7 should finish at Platinum level - an exceptional year for them; we also have had a large proportion of students who managed to achieve 100% attendance this year, which is an outstanding achievement.

We are pleased that it has been possible to hold more trips this year for our students, as these provide valuable learning opportunities for our students outside the classroom. Trips this year include the Anderton Centre outdoor activity centre in Chorley [all year 7 students last September], the Lowry Theatre [drama workshop], Manchester city centre [homeless project], local hotels [catering and hospitality experience], Manchester United FC [sport], local housing development sites [construction students], plus Cambridge University and other local universities for various educational workshops and events, to name but a few.

We are also delighted to have embarked upon the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme this year with a small group of intrepid Year 10 students. The students undertook a residential camping trip to Dearden Wood, Edenfield, in last weekend's very inclement weather to qualify for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award by developing their navigation, hill-walking, camping, and teamwork skills, having worked towards this since the spring term. We will be offering the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award to students in Years 9 and 10 next academic year, with more details to follow in September.

Congratulations to all our students for your achievements in all areas this year and we encourage you to go further and achieve even more next academic year, well done!

Literacy

This year has been a great year for developing Literacy within the Academy. Please view the following link for just a few things that we have achieved:

<https://sway.office.com/LrV2xC9AoOgJ1EoO?ref=Link>

GCSE Results Day: Thursday 24 August 2023

We look forward to seeing our current Year 11 students again on Thursday 24 August 2023 to collect their GCSE examination results from 09:00 to 11:00. In the meantime, we wish all our Year 11 students an enjoyable summer break following their hard work, study, and efforts in working towards, and completing, their GCSE examinations this year.

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Return to School in September 2023

The return of students to school in September will be staggered, as follows:

Date	Year Group[s] on Site	School Day
Tuesday 5 September	Year 7 only	09:00 to 12:00
Wednesday 6 September	Year 7 Year 11	08:00 to 16:00 [trip] 08:25 to 14:50 – normal school day
Thursday 7 September	Years 7, 11 and 10	08:25 to 14:50 – normal school day
Friday 8 September	Years 7, 11 10, 8 and 9	08:25 to 14:50 – normal school day

Please note that the school day is extended by 10 minutes to 14:50 from September 2023, as communicated in my letter dated 11 July 2023. Period 6 revision sessions for Year 11 will commence on Monday 11 September 2023 from 14:50 to 15:20 every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Term dates for the new academic year are shown at Appendix 1 and are also available on the website at [Academy Day & Term Dates - St Anne's Academy \(stannesacademy.org.uk\)](https://stannesacademy.org.uk).

Emergency Contact Details

We have had a couple of instances recently where we could not reach families during the day on the contact numbers held on our records. It is extremely important that parents and carers keep us up to date with contact numbers if these change from time to time and that a contact number is provided for someone who is available to contact during the school day regarding your child, in the event of an emergency.

Please scan the following QR code to access a form to update your contact details or click on the following link:



<https://forms.office.com/e/nCL50MbxM9>

If you need a paper copy of the form, please contact us on admin@stannesacademy.org.uk or by phone on 0161 643 2643.

School Meal Prices from September 2023

Please note that there will be a small increase in the price of school meals from September 2023. School meals will cost £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week, which is in line with other local schools. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals but have not yet applied, please visit [Free school meals and help paying for school uniforms \(rochdale.gov.uk\)](https://rochdale.gov.uk).

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ParentPay Accounts

Most of our parents and carers will be familiar with using ParentPay for the payment of children's school meals. We have also recently introduced the use of ParentPay for the administration and payment of school trips as this is a convenient and efficient system to use. To this end, we would like to encourage any parents and carers who have not yet activated their ParentPay account to do so. ParentPay are currently sending out activation codes by email to families who have not yet activated an account for St Anne's.

We request that parents and carers of children who are entitled to free school meals should also activate a ParentPay account so that this can be used for school trips in future.

For further information about using ParentPay for school trips, please visit [School Trip Management - ParentPay](#).

EduLink and Class Charts

Please note that, from September 2023, we will no longer use Class Charts and parent/carers accounts will be deactivated in due course. EduLink will replace Class Charts as the system we will use to record student achievement and behaviour data.

As you will be aware, EduLink One is our school information portal and communication system. EduLink allows you to access key information about your child and enables you to easily communicate with staff. From September 2023, you will now also be able to monitor your child's achievement (positive) points and behaviour (negative) points. Please monitor your child's conduct on EduLink regularly as this is how we celebrate positive behaviour choices and also how you will be informed of detentions as a consequence for behaviour that does not meet our expectations. Your access details have already been shared by email so please follow the link to create your free account if you have not yet done so.

Save the dates – Year 11, Class of 2024

Some important dates for our parent and carer diaries of students who will be in Year 11 in September 2023:

- Our annual Maximise Event for Year 11 to support revision and exam preparation will take place on **Thursday 19 October 2023** between 17:00 and 19:00;
- Parent and student College Application examination results morning; parents welcome from 09:00 to 09:30, **Friday 22 December 2023**;
- Year 11 Parents' Evenings will also be held on **Thursday 11 January and Thursday 21 March 2024** between 15:30 and 18:00;
- Year 11 Prom, **Friday 28 June 2024** [evening].

Further information will be shared closer to the time and you will be able to book appointments via EduLink. These are important opportunities for you to discuss your child's progress and support with their learning, so please save the dates. We look forward to seeing you then.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing all our students safely back in school and ready to learn in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Heyes
Headteacher

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Term Time and Holiday Patterns 2023/24

SEPTEMBER 2023							OCTOBER 2023							NOVEMBER 2023						
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MARCH 2024							APRIL 2024							MAY 2024						
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JUNE 2024							JULY 2024							AUGUST 2024						
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Key:

	School Day - open
	School Holiday - school closed
	Bank Holiday - school closed
	Inset Day - school closed for students

Note: Two further INSET dates have yet to be confirmed.

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