4th October 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

The Autumn term is well underway and the summer holiday feels like a distant memory now that we have settled back into the swing of things at school. You will recall that I wrote to you recently to outline our new “behaviour for learning” strategy and I am pleased to tell you that it is proving very successful. The students are responding well to the recognition their efforts receive and the small number who let us down by disturbing learning are engaging with us to try and change their behaviour. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given in the introduction of this revised strategy; strengthening the partnership between parents, students and school can only have positive benefits for our children.

I have two others matters which I would like to bring to your attention:

Firstly, Lancashire County Council is proposing to discontinue the post 16 sixth form provision delivered by Ashton Community Science College, Aldwych Drive, Preston, PR2 1SL, by permanently lowering its age range from 11-18 years to 11-16 years with effect from 31st August 2017.

On 14th September 2016, the cabinet member for children, young people and schools gave approval for a consultation to take place on this proposal from 26 September 2016 to 24 October 2016.   The cabinet member will consider the results of the consultation at the decision making session on 7th December 2016.

More details of this consultation can be found on the school website and in local libraries.

Secondly, I would like to remind you that school will close early this Thursday 6th October to allow us to prepare for our annual Open Evening. We will close at 12.55pm and re-open on Monday 10th October 2016 as Friday is a staff training day.

Yours sincerely



Miss S Asquith

Principal