19th December 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

As the Autumn term draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your part in making this first term a success. Our new students have settled in well and are well and truly now part of the Ashton family.

Students have maintained their high standards of dress and behaviour and I am exceptionally pleased with this. We had a visit from three Local Authority advisors earlier this month and they were extremely complimentary about the students and the way they engaged with them during their classroom visits and the interviews they conducted. I am sure you will be as proud as I was to hear that feedback, since the students they are talking about are your children!

You will be aware that we went to consultation to cease the offer of Post 16 provision. I can confirm that this proposal was accepted by the cabinet member for Children, Young People and Schools on the 13th December and we have received confirmation that we can permanently lower our age range from 11-18 to 11-16.

School will close for the festive break on Wednesday 21st December and students will be dismissed from school at 1.00 pm. Please could I ask that if parents/carers wish to collect their child they do not drive onto the campus, but make arrangements to pick them up somewhere within the local vicinity?

Hot snacks will be available for students on that day and will be served at break time, which will be extended to allow time for full service to take place.

We return to school on Thursday 5th January with the usual 8.40 am prompt start.

On behalf of the staff, governors and myself, may I take this opportunity of wishing you a very peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



Miss S Asquith

Principal