



# Ashton Community Science College

*'a school to be proud of'*

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come towards the end of another school year, I would like to give you some information regarding our end of term arrangements.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July (this Saturday) we are holding our annual Docks to Disney fundraising event from 8am to 8pm, based at the control tower on Preston Docks. This will be the third year we have run this and you will find details of it on our website and on our Facebook page. It is a wonderful opportunity to get out with the family, have a leisurely stroll (or competitive run) around the docks and raise money at the same time for a good cause. This year we have chosen the Rosemere Centre at Royal Preston Hospital, which you may be aware is the centre of excellence for radiotherapy and other cancer treatment here in Preston. Many of our school family and friends have had contact with the Rosemere Centre for various reasons and so this is a charity dear to our hearts and that of the people of Preston. I do hope you can join us.

The final week of term is our designated Challenge Week and this year's theme is "what a load of rubbish". We are encouraging students to take part in a number of challenges and activities linked to the environment, recycling, litter etc. so that we can raise their awareness of this global issue. Challenge week concludes with a final full school assembly, where the winning house will receive the coveted House Trophy. There are a number of rewards activities held in the final week, with students cashing in their smiley faces for rewards. Your child will know what they have chosen and what they are involved in, so thank you in advance for your support if their chosen activity requires some advance preparation! School will close for the summer break at 12.00 noon, after afternoon registration, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

School resumes on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September with a prompt 8.40 am start and I would respectfully remind you that all students should attend in full school uniform, with no extreme haircuts or hair colours. Make up, including fake tan, nail varnish and false nails are not permitted. Furthermore, students are not permitted to wear **any jewellery** except for one plain gold or silver stud in each lower earlobe and are reminded that any other facial piercings are not allowed.

The school uniform list is available to view on the website or a paper copy can be requested should you require clarification of uniform requirements. One point worthy of particular mention is that of skirt length. School skirts should sit on the knee and certainly be no more than 5cm above the knee. Students should never roll their skirts up at the waist and if this happens they will be told to unroll them to the correct length. Sanctions will be issued to repeat offenders. Our uniform suppliers are well aware of this requirement but I will be reminding them and would



respectfully ask that you support us by not purchasing skirts that are shorter than this. It is the responsibility of students and parents to ensure that skirts fit at the waist and conform to this very clear guidance on length. Outdoor coats/hoodies/caps etc. must not be worn within the school building for security reasons and must be removed on entry to the building.

You will be aware that over the academic year we have raised our whole school drive to increase the physical activity of our students in line with the Chief Medical Officer's guidelines of at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day for young people.

We have built on last year's pilot "Fit Friday" scheme making sure that on such days, all lessons have a physical/practical element to them linking to the subject. Our staff have been really creative in delivering these ideas with the use of throw and catch recall tests, memory mapping and 'move to the correct answer' to name just a few. "Fit Friday" is a whole school initiative following a study by Public Health England which found specific and obvious links between physical activity and the ability to obtain and retain information. Just 10 minutes of physical activity is scientifically proven to stimulate areas of the brain that are vital for learning and as a school we have found the introduction of practical learning into what are more traditionally academic settings, a breath of fresh air!

In addition to all the physical work going on around the school, we received a grant to install numerous pieces of fitness equipment outside the school gym and near the yard. This provides yet more opportunities for our students to take an active role in their physical fitness throughout the day as well as maximising the quality of health related fitness lessons delivered in PE.

Finally, for the first time in many years, the PE department held a whole school sports day on the school field in which every student was given the opportunity to take part if they wanted to. In previous years this event has been held over numerous days with only a select few from each form taking part. This shows the commitment of not only the PE department, but the entire school in providing as much opportunity as possible for your children to lead a healthy active lifestyle both in school and beyond.

Physical wellbeing is one part of the equation, the other one being mental and emotional wellbeing. We are actively developing this element of our school offer with the repurposing of room 7 in school to be a well-being hub for students. We are also investing in the creation of an outdoor learning space in the woodland area at the rear of the school grounds, in collaboration with The Lancashire Wildlife Trust. We have already run eco-therapy sessions in the space where activities have included wood whittling, tree planting and traditional hedge crafting. These have been incredibly successful, allowing our children to work in the outdoors and growing their respect for the natural environment. We are very excited at the possibilities working in this space will open up for our students and for community groups.

You will have hopefully received the letter from Mrs Pilkington regarding essential equipment from September. Packs are available to purchase from school at a cost of £3.00, which represents excellent value for money, especially given that we are offering free replacements when various items purchased via school, such as pens and glue sticks run out. Of course students are free to source their own equipment, but it is essential that they do have all items on the list as well as a school bag.

As is often the case we have a number of staff changes as the academic year draws to a close. We say goodbye to:

Mrs Sutton - Teacher of the Deaf  
Mrs Schultz - SENCO

Mrs Corcoran - Child Development teacher  
Mr Redican - Science teacher  
Miss Birney - Teaching Assistant Deaf Support

Mr Corcoran leaves us for 12 months on sabbatical.  
Mrs Joassard commences her maternity leave and will return later in the academic year

I would like to take this opportunity to thank these colleagues for their service to the school and wish them every success as they move onto their next post or the next stage in the adventures that life brings. They have worked hard to challenge and inspire both within and beyond the classroom, and I know their work has had an impact on the students they have been involved with.

It is said that as one door closes, another door opens, and in the spirit of that we welcome the following staff in the new academic year:

Mrs Parker - Associate Assistant Headteacher/SENDCO  
Mrs Corsby - Second in Science  
Miss Evans - Maths teacher  
Mrs Brichory - French teacher  
Miss Perna - French teacher  
Mr Thatcher - PE teacher  
Mrs Atkinson - Teacher of the Deaf  
Miss Thompson - Teaching Assistant Deaf Support  
Mr Forbes - Learning and Behaviour Support

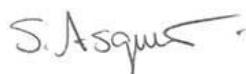
I am sure they will quickly take up their place within their new Ashton family and wish them every success in their new career with us.

Congratulations in advance to Mr Murray and Miss Kelly who are to be married in the Summer, meaning Miss Kelly will return as Mrs Murray. Congratulations also to Miss Grove who is to be married in the Summer and will return as Mrs Dunlop. We wish them every happiness as they begin married life.

I am also pleased to announce that our new Head Boy and Head Girl have been appointed for the forthcoming academic year. David Rushton takes up post as Head Boy and Kristen Chen as Head Girl. I am looking forward to working closely with them and am confident they will serve the student body well. I would like to thank Oscar Hudson and Keisha Clarke, our former Head Boy and Head Girl, for their work during the academic year and wish them every success as they leave Ashton.

Finally, thank you for the support you have given to school this year and wish you all an enjoyable Summer break.

Yours sincerely



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