

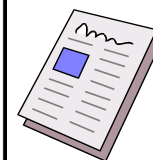
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'Learning and Achieving together'

Welcome Back to all our students and their families and a very special welcome to all those joining us for the first time.

It is the start of another school year and students have come back, settled very quickly into their new classes and routines and are onto their new timetables.

It has been very interesting to hear what they have been up to over the holiday period and I am looking forward to seeing them progress and develop over the course of the year.

The educational landscape is constantly changing and this year is no exception as many of the Government reforms and changes begin to take effect, particularly in relation to Special Educational Needs. The Local Authority have produced a website detailing all the information you might need to know.

www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND

We will publish further information on our website as we receive it.

A few reminders:

This half term finishes on Thursday 23rd October and school re-opens Monday 3rd November.

You will be informed of your child's annual review date once the timetable has been agreed with the Local Authority.

Dinner money is £2.20 per day or £11.00 per week, paid in advance weekly or if you prefer you can pay for a full half term/term in advance. Please put in an envelope with your child's name on it - further details are available from the main office.

CAN WE PLEASE REMIND ALL STUDENTS THAT SPORTS DRINKS AND FIZZY DRINKS SHOULD NOT BE CONSUMED IN SCHOOL



(unless this has been specifically agreed beforehand with parents for particular reasons)

In line with our Healthy Schools status, we recommend that packed lunches should not contain chocolate and snacks should be of a healthy variety.

We offer, for a small charge, fresh fruit every day and all students have access to drinking water throughout the day.

School has a very clear policy regarding mobile phones and other electronic

Devices in school.

KS3 should hand them to the office

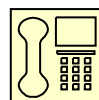


Ks4 should hand to form tutor

FE should keep in lockers

If they are seen or being used during the school day without adult permission they will be confiscated, parents informed and returned at the end of the day.

This is a safeguarding issue and we appreciate parental support to maintain and respect the rules in schools.



The Educational Psychology Service are offering a parent helpline which will be available Monday—Friday 1.30-4.45

Tel. 01772 530444



Relocation news:

'BIGGER, BRIGHTER, BETTER'

We will publish information monthly regarding the relocation plans on our website and in a separate newsletter.



Currently the contractors, Conlans, have been working tirelessly over the summer on the initial phases to prepare for the construction of the new post 16 block and hydrotherapy pool as well as the complete refurbishment of all the teaching areas

within the building at the Ribbleton site.



Mr Jukes and the local authority have attended site meetings regularly and all the plans are in place. The schedule is very tight indeed, but we are still working toward an Easter 2015 move.

There is a strategic relocation plan for the school that will consider the logistics of the move, business plans, transferability of systems and practise, communication, engagement of the community and the new opportunities to further develop our curriculum offer to our students. It involves everyone associated with the school.

Whilst it is a major change and undertaking to build, develop and move a whole school, it is also massively exciting and positive and will give us **'bigger, brighter, better'** facilities and resources with which to develop the potential of all our students further.

Should you have any questions about the relocation, the plans or the move itself then please contact the headteacher via the school office (number is at the top of the previous page).

AS a school we are continually looking to supplement our budgets in order to develop the opportunities both in and out of school for our young people.

Can you or do you know someone or a company or organisation who may be willing to support our school ?

We are looking for sponsorship; donations and grants we can bid for to continue to provide the many varied activities and opportunities for all our students.

Please come and visit us and see who we are and what we do to ensure the very best outcomes for our students.