

16 December 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you at this time to thank you for your patience, persistence and support during a long and difficult term. Despite the challenges presented by COVID, students and staff have continued to work together to produce some outstanding successes.

Yr10 & 11 students engaged in the Advanced Maths Support Program with a Maths Masterclass by Martin Bamber. Yr9 students applied and were successful in becoming Global Citizenship Ambassadors. The Yr7 Netball team became the city champions, winning every game they played. Thirty-three students were selected to have their poetry published in a national competition, '*Empowerment: the poet within.*' Students in Yr8,9 & 10 made their voices heard in the Liverpool Schools' Parliament, making recommendations for the city's bid to gain the award of 'Child Friendly City'. Design Technology staff revised the curriculum to include new resistant materials lessons for Yr7, 8 & 9 in their brand new workshop. The vast majority of students were recognised for their significant achievements this term in the end of term Merit Cup Assemblies. All this has taken place in just the last 4 weeks.

Further to my letter at the start of term relating to combating violence against women, I invite you to review the latest materials from the Children's Commissioner about online sexual harassment, which includes a [helpful poster](#), and a [more detailed guidance booklet](#).

As we approach the end of Advent term we enter a period of uncertainty once again, in relation to COVID. **Please continue to do Lateral Flow tests twice per week**, or every day if you have been in contact with a positive case whilst waiting for a PCR result. We are expecting to be **open fully on 4 January** so we are planning for this accordingly. I would like you to take note of the following start times for students on our **first day back, 4 January**:

Yr7 & 8: 8.30am
Yr9 & 10: 10.00am
Yr11 & 6 Form 11.30am

These staggered start times are designed to enable school to perform COVID Lateral Flow testing on site before students go into lessons. Again, we will be using MIRIS International to provide professional support for this process. All students should be in normal lessons by lunchtime, so that we can make a good start to the spring term.

I wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas and a hope filled new year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Alderman
Headteacher