



Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the spring term, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and to reflect on what has been another busy and successful term at school.

Our Year 11 students are now firmly on the final stretch towards their GCSE examinations. Their second set of mock results are very promising, and many students are working with focus and determination. Year 11 hoodies will be issued soon, marking this important milestone in their school journey. Over the Easter break, a wide range of revision sessions will be taking place, and I strongly encourage students to attend. I am incredibly grateful to all the staff who are giving up their time to support these sessions. The next time I write to you, exams will be well underway, and we will be beginning to look ahead to the leavers' prom.

Year 10 students continue to impress with the way they have settled into their option subjects. The majority are demonstrating the maturity and commitment needed as they continue their GCSE and vocational courses. They have also shown excellent commitment to extra-curricular activities this term, with strong attendance, and a huge congratulations to those who took part in the Spring Bopper showcase – their performances were fantastic. As they begin their work experience placements on 11th May, I am confident they will represent the school exceptionally well, embodying our values of Think Big, Do the Right Thing and Team Spirit in a real-world setting, while making the most of what is always a valuable and memorable experience. The Year 10 mock examinations will take place in June, and we will share further details and the timetable early in the summer term.

Year 9 students have approached the options process with real maturity and thoughtfulness. A highlight of the term also included a successful Year 9 trip to MMU, which provided valuable insight into future pathways. I would also like to recognise the Year 9 girls who have taken the initiative to organise a raffle to fund a new football kit ahead of their upcoming finals. They secured donations for High Peak competitions and Easter prizes and raised additional funds for equipment. A particular thank you goes to Mr Paul Allen of PA Electrical, who has very kindly donated the full cost of the kit – we look forward to seeing the team representing the school so smartly. This is a wonderful example of our students showing initiative, teamwork, and community spirit.

Year 8 recently had the opportunity to watch the *Smashed Live* production. They listened with great interest and demonstrated real maturity in engaging with the important messages around making safe and informed choices.

Our Year 7 students continue to settle in admirably. It is hard to believe they have nearly completed their first year with us. Many are already enthusiastic about taking on a role in welcoming our new Year 6 cohort, who will be joining us for two days of induction in July.

I am very pleased to announce that thanks to the work of our Head of Personal Development, Mrs S Salthouse, we have achieved the Bronze BERT Award (Building Effective Relationships Together Award), recognising the work we have done to strengthen our Relationships and Sex Education provision. As part of our next steps, we are keen to work even more closely with parents and carers. We warmly invite you to attend a parent workshop on Monday 27th April from 5:30–6:30pm, focused on how to talk to your child about RSE. This will be a practical and supportive session, and I encourage you to attend if you can.

After Easter, we are also looking forward to our Year 10 Enterprise Day, where students will work together to design resources to support mental health in our community. This is always a fantastic event that develops teamwork, creativity, and a real sense of purpose.

Thank you to all staff and students for making the Spring Bopper music and dance showcase such a success, and to the many parents who attended and supported the event. We are now looking ahead to our summer production of *We Will Rock You*, and I very much hope to see many of you there.

It has also been a hugely successful term for sport. Our students have performed exceptionally well across a wide range of competitions, including cross-country, athletics, netball, and football. Highlights include outstanding performances at High Peak and Derbyshire level, with several students qualifying for the English Schools Cross Country Championships. We have also enjoyed success across our football fixtures this half term and have teams progressing to finals and semi-finals. I would also like to give a special mention to our staff netball team, who demonstrated great team spirit in their recent victory against Chapel-en-le-Frith High School!

We are proud of the many students who have received reward badges this term, celebrating both their academic achievements and their embodiment of our school values.

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete our recent survey. Your feedback is incredibly important to us and as always, our communication channels remain open.

Finally, we say goodbye and good luck to Mr J Flynn, who has been with us for one term only but has made an incredibly positive impact within the PE department. We wish him every success in his new role after Easter.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming students back for the summer term on Monday 13th April.

Best wishes,



Heather Watts

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