



Dear Parents/Carers,

As another year at Childwall Abbey School comes to a close, I would like to thank all parents and carers, colleagues from other agencies, student teachers from Hope University, our many volunteer helpers, our staff, Governors and of course our lovely pupils for their hard work and help in making our school such a happy place to be. We have been so very busy throughout the year that it is not possible to mention everything we have taken part in but here are some of the highlights!

Thanks go, as always, to the many parents and carers who found time to come along to our most recent Parents Evening in June. It was a great opportunity to get together, celebrate your child's achievements and share any concerns. It was helpful to have feedback to our Parental Questionnaire, with regard to ways in which we could help you to support your child's attendance. Our Attendance support staff will be in contact in the new term with anyone who requested support or advice. Thank you also for so many positive comments in our Visitor's book, we really appreciate them.

Our school has been awarded the Bronze Reading Quality Mark, which is a wonderful achievement. A dedicated group of pupils assisted Mrs Jukes and Miss Groves, to encourage everyone at C.A.S. to develop a love of reading. We will build on this success next year, aiming for Silver, with the ultimate goal being Gold. The success of the Reader in Residence initiative has led to C.A.S. setting this up as an ongoing part of our offer to pupils.

The whole school has benefitted greatly from working towards achieving the Artsmark. This has encouraged all staff and pupils to become more aware of the many opportunities our beautiful city of Liverpool offers to enjoy and take part in music, art and drama events such as the Peace Proms and Dot art. Mrs Hunt, led this initiative with contributions from our whole community, especially Mr Maines, Mrs Williams and Mr Mills. We will submit our evidence in the autumn term and we hope to have good news for you then. Check out our website for holiday activity ideas!

Mr Maloney, Mrs Williams and Mrs Marsh have led a whole school effort to attain the Liverpool Attendance Matters Quality Mark. As you know, full attendance and outstanding punctuality are vital if our pupils are to achieve their potential. Thank you to all parents for your continuing support in this effort, especially for understanding that it is important not to book holidays during term time. We appreciate that this leads to extra costs and your co-operation is a sign of your commitment to your child's

education. As a celebration of outstanding attendance, all pupils with 100% attendance 2016-17 will receive a £20 gift voucher and those who attained 98% or above will receive a £5 voucher. Congratulations to all who achieved this standard, which is so vital in helping our children to succeed.

We were delighted when our Year 10 pupils' efforts as part of the Liverpool Dragon's Den Maths competition were successful. They achieved a place in the final on 26th June 2017 with their maths board game. After a very challenging interview process, they were the overall winners! Mr Watkins was extremely proud to take a group of pupils out to represent the school so magnificently. This shows that we are well on the way to achieving our target of Gold in our next application for the Liverpool Counts Quality Mark.

Our Year 11 pupils completed a very positive work experience/Sixth-form transition placement in June. We are grateful to Mrs Wilson and Mrs Spencer and all our Sixth form team for their valuable work in supporting them. We also thank all the members of the local community who kindly offered our pupils placements.

At the end of June, our Year 11 and Year 14 Leavers, with their staff, enjoyed a special meal at the Childwall Abbey Hotel to celebrate moving on to their next stage of education. All had a very happy time and we wish all our Leavers every success in the future.

This year, for the first time, a special Duke of Edinburgh Award Ceremony took place at LFC to celebrate the achievements of pupils from all our special schools. We are very proud of C.A.S. pupils in particular and we are most grateful to Mr Morrow, who delivers D of E within C.A.S. and who took responsibility for organising the whole event, which made such a happy day possible for so many young people. We thank LFC for generously offering to sponsor the event, providing the venue and refreshments without charge.

All our groups have enjoyed an end of term treat - Years 6 to 8 had a day out to Chester Zoo, Years 9 and 10 have been to Hollywood Bowl and Years 12 and 13 have enjoyed an "all day breakfast" treat at the Childwall Fiveways Hotel.

Sports Day at CA.S. was a fantastic fun event on our lovely field. Although everyone competed hard, the real feeling of the morning was teamwork, which is so important in everything we do. Thanks to Mr Watkins and all staff who made this such a success.

Wishing you a very happy, restful and enjoyable summer break and looking forward to seeing the pupils again on Wednesday 6th September '17.

Mrs Piercy