



September 8th 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another year of hard work, achievement and fun at Aigburth High! I hope you have all had a very happy holiday. Many thanks to those of you who sent cards, gifts or good wishes to staff before the holiday- these were very much appreciated.

It was lovely to see our school hall full to the brim last Wednesday for our first whole school assembly of the year. I would like to say a very big thank-you to families for sending our pupils out looking so smart in their uniform.

The biggest challenge for us this year is the New Build. The process is moving more smoothly now and we are on track for our goal of Autumn term 2015. This will not be a moment too soon as our school population is growing and we are running out of space!

We have two new members of teaching staff, Mr Jones who is based in Sixth form and Mr Watkins in KS3. Mr Ward has also joined our support staff. They bring new skills and a lot of enthusiasm to our staff team and are very welcome.

As always, we have some key areas on which we are focussing. These include a big push to develop our pupils' literacy and numeracy skills. There has been a significant increase in support sessions in these areas. We would ask you to take every opportunity to encourage your child to read daily and to apply their literacy and numeracy skills in practical ways whenever possible. Please get in touch with your child's form teacher if you require advice.

Attendance is, as always, the key to learning. To support you and your child, school will be updating parents and carers by text, with regard to their child's percentage attendance. It is a fact that lower attendance badly affects a child's achievements and therefore their prospects on leaving school.

Our pupil Reflection Unit is also ready, as ever, to provide a quiet space for pupils who may need this. Staff are happy to work with parents and carers to enable our pupils to be calm and able to learn.

This term's Parents/Carers Coffee Mornings will be providing information on Keeping Children Safe, Epilepsy Issues, E-Safety and Supporting ASD. They are also an opportunity to share concerns or ideas in an informal setting. Further details will be sent out when dates are confirmed. Please remember to check the website for updates on events and developments throughout the school. We love to hear from you so don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Piercy