

PRIMARY PARTNERSHIP WEEK

This week we welcome Year 6 (and some Year 5 pupils) from local Primary Schools including Lostock Hall, Walton-le-Dale, Cuerden, St Aidan's, St Paul's, St Gerard's, St Leonard's and Lever House to our annual Primary Partnership Week. Pupils have enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities in a wide range of curricular areas within the overall theme of 'International and Beyond'. No doubt pupils will have plenty to talk about following their first experience of High School life.

OPEN EVENING

Our annual Open Evening takes place on Thursday 22 September from 6.30 - 8.30pm. To enable the necessary arrangements and displays to be arranged and set up, school will close on Thursday at 1.00pm. Any pupils volunteering to help in the evening must be in full uniform and working within a specific subject area. This is our first Open Evening as an academy and we look forward to welcoming prospective pupils and parents to this event.

GCSE SCIENCE

Yr 11 pupils should now have purchased an A4 ring binder which they should be bringing to all Science classes. These can be bought from the science prep room for 50p. In addition, the Science department has a limited number of used Revision Guides available for purchase for £2 - these cost around £5 in the shops. These can also be bought at the science prep room.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS!

Miss Bleasdale and the Technology Department are encouraging pupils to help choose a new logo for the department following the decoration and refurbishment which took place over summer. The shortlisted designs are on the Design Technology Welcome Page on STAR (the school's moodle) where pupils can vote for their favourite. The design with the most votes wins. Miss Bleasdale is also reminding pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 to back their Technology books by 30th September to be in with the chance of winning a prize. Two prizes per group will be awarded. Get backing!!

INSET DAY

As notified on last week's newsletter and on the holiday dates list, please be aware that school will be closed to pupils on Friday 23 September. Normal opening resumes on Monday 26 September at 8.40am.

YEAR 7 CATS

Pupils in Year 7 will shortly be sitting their CATS. These are Cognitive Ability Tests and enable schools to predict and plan future performance in assessments and

examinations. 7T, 7C and 7K will take these on Monday 26 September and 7L, 7S and 7H will sit them on Friday 30 September. Please support us by reassuring your child that the tests are straightforward and they should not feel anxious.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations and well done to Matthew Davis, Year 9 who volunteered to give up his own free time to help the new Year 7 pupils with their mountainbiking skills in the Cycling Club with Mr Kenyon. Mr Kenyon says that Matthew was a real help and an asset to the group. well done, Matthew, and thank you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Mon 19	Primary Partnership Week
Thurs 22	Open Evening (NB: School closes at 1.00pm)
Fri 23	INSET Day 3 - School closed to pupils
Mon 26	Year 7 T, C and K CATs European Day of Languages School Council 11.15
Tues 27	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations Year 10 Geography Fieldwork MFL visit to Runshaw
Wed 28	MFL visit to UCLAN
Thurs 29	Year 11 Drama Examination Year 10 Guidance Evening
Fri 30	Year 7 L, S and H CATS

OCTOBER

Mon 3	Governors' Curriculum Committee Governors' Personnel Committee
Tues 4	Governors' Finance Committee