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22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents,

Today, the last day of the academic year, is filled with gratitude, reflection and a fair bit of sadness as we say goodbye to both Mrs Scott and Tony. Mrs Scott has been at Greenbank School for 22 years and in that time has been dedicated to the pupils, families and staff with an unwavering belief that every child deserves to be seen, heard and celebrated just as they are. We will miss you and hope you keep in touch in your new role supporting young people with independent travel training. We also say goodbye to Tony, one of our many talented Teaching Assistants, who is developing his

career by training as a teacher. Since 2018, when Tony joined us, he has consistently demonstrated a real understanding of the pupils and school, always putting them first so they can be the best version of themselves. The whole school met for a special assembly this morning in order to say a proper goodbye and good luck to both valued, respected, kind and caring staff.

## Hello from Residential

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank the young people and their families for all the kind messages, cards and presents. It really has been an amazing year! Have a fantastic summer break, and see you all in September. *Charlene and the Residential Team* 

## A message from Public Health

Dear Parents and Carers,

Measles is on the increase in Cheshire & Merseyside – make sure your child has received two doses of the Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR) vaccine for full protection.

Measles is an infection that spreads very easily. It can cause serious illness in some people and in rare cases, spread to the lungs or the brain. Babies and pregnant women are at increased risk of harm. Having two doses of the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent measles.

Measles usually starts with a runny nose, sneezing, coughing, and a high temperature. It may cause red, sore eyes. The measles rash will appear a few days later, starting on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body. There may be small white spots inside the cheeks.

If you suspect you or your child has measles, phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. Do not go directly to the GP surgery as measles is highly infectious. Do not send children to school or childcare if you think they have measles. People of any age can become infected with measles if they have not been fully vaccinated. Two doses of the MMR vaccine provides lifelong protection against measles, mumps, and rubella. The MMR vaccine is safe and effective. The first dose is given at the age of 12 months and the 2nd dose is given at 3 years and 4 months old for those born before 1 July 2024, or at 18 months for those born on or after 1 July 2024.

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Ask at your GP surgery if you're not sure whether you or your child has been fully vaccinated. You can also check your child's Red Book. Your GP surgery can administer the MMR vaccine to you and your child for free on the NHS. It is never too late to catch up. You can be vaccinated at ANY age. If you have any questions about the MMR vaccine, a nurse will be happy to answer them at your appointment. You can find further information about the MMR vaccine and other childhood vaccinations here: NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS

For further information about measles, visit Measles - NHS

Thank you for giving this your attention and helping to protect our children from infection. Yours sincerely **Professor Helen Bromley** 

## Director of Public Health

## Parent Survey 2025

Thank you to the 40 families, who completed and returned the parent survey for 2025. It provides a really useful source of information for school to consider, make changes and gain the voice of families. As a thank you, a prize draw for a high street voucher was made – the winning family were contacted to-day and the voucher presented. Again, thank you for your feedback. I will write a report and share it so you can what the parent voice is like over school.

Whilst we look forward to the Summer holidays, it can be a difficult time organising activities and adventures for children. '**Energise**', by Endorphins, offers sessions across Cheshire West and Chester including Ellesmere Port, Chester, Winsford, Northwich and Neston. If you would like to see what is on, find out more information or book your child onto an activity- please see the attached flyer.

School closes for the Sumer break on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** and will re-open for pupils **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.** When we reopen, we will welcome a new Deputy Headteacher- Mr McCormick, who will join the Senior Management Team with Mr Power, Key Stage Managers, our Operations Manager and School Business Manager. Exciting times ahead.

School continues to experience pressure on places at school. In recent years we have moved from 106 to 133. To help ease the congestion and pressure on resources we have engaged with Cheshire West and Chester to repurpose existing bungalow accommodation at the front of school. The aim is to create 4 teaching rooms, a kitchen area and therapy rooms for our 6<sup>th</sup> Form provision. The work is due to start in September and be finished in May 2026 (assuming there are no surprises). At the end of the project, we will have a quality fully refurbished post 16 provision.

I would like to finish my final letter of the academic year by thanking all pupils, parents, carers and staff for their support, contributions and encouragement. It has been a challenging few years but we are in a really good place, with the ambition of moving from good to great. Have a great Summer break.

Yours faithfully,

Mr McCann Head Teacher



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