

AWO/LFO

29 January 2024

Dear Parents

The Groove Dance Show

I had the pleasure of attending my first annual dance showcase, The Groove, last week at The Atkinson in Southport, involving over 90 of our students from across all years. The calibre of production, quality of the dance skills and the incredible teamwork of all involved was nothing short of exceptional. I would like to both thank and congratulate everyone involved.

Student ICT

During IT / Computing lessons over the next two weeks, students will be reviewing our updated ICT Acceptable Use Policy for Students, available on the school website here. As part of the lesson, they will have the opportunity to discuss the content and ask any questions before being required to complete an online form to confirm they have read and understood the expectations. Over the coming weeks, students will be provided with school email accounts, followed in time with additional IT cloud facilities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Lockdown / Fire Drill

This week we will be conducting a scheduled Lockdown and Fire Evacuation drill with students as part of our safeguarding and health and safety procedures. Students have been reminded about procedures and expectations during form time throughout this week. For our Year 7 students, in particular, this will be their first lockdown drill. Whilst the likelihood of events requiring a lockdown is incredibly low, we must, nevertheless, ensure that students are familiar with what they should do in these circumstances.

Examinations and PPEs

Year 10 (Religious Studies) and Year 11 students have recently completed a further round of PPEs in preparation for their GCSEs this summer and I would like to thank them for the excellent work ethic and maturity they demonstrated in completing them. If they can continue this momentum and seize all the opportunities provided to support them during coming weeks and months, we feel confident their efforts will be duly rewarded when they collect their certificates in August.

Half Term and INSET

Just a reminder that students will finish on the afternoon of Friday 9 February for the half term break, returning on Tuesday 20 February (as Monday 19 will be a staff only INSET day).

Yours sincerely

Mr A Wood Headteacher