

20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again, it has been a privilege to spend time with our young people this week as they have settled into school for the autumn term.

### Open Evening – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Just as a reminder, on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September a “live” open evening will take place from 5pm. This is designed for future prospective students in current years 5 & 6. If you have a child in one of those year groups and haven’t already done so, please register to attend on the school website [link](#). **School will close for students at 2pm on this date and buses will leave at this time.** Thank you to all the students who have already signed up to help at this event, I very much look forward to working with them.

### Information Evenings

We appreciate that many parents and carers of children in years 7 & 8 will not have had the opportunity to spend time in the school due to the national restrictions that have been in place since they started their Neston High School journey. This year we will be able to hold our Information Evenings in school and this will also give parent/carers the opportunity to view the school. Therefore, to keep numbers in the building at a reasonable level on Open Evening, we would ask that you take the opportunity to look around school on your son/daughter’s Information Evening rather than Open Evening.

### Twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests

Following the end of ‘in school’ testing, students have been issued with kits to continue to test twice weekly at home. Thank you to all parents and carers who are supporting their children to do tests and register the results. I would particularly like to thank those parents who have advised their children have tested positive. Although test and trace will now act as contact tracing, school continues to monitor cases to identify potential links in school. Thankfully symptoms in children are reported as mild but we continue to be focused to do all that we can in school to prevent the spread of the virus.

### Pride Group

During the summer term many of you will be aware we launched our Pride Group. The group meet fortnightly and will enable our LGBT+ students and their friends to be able to discuss key issues which matter most to them and to engage in social action projects to ensure representation and a voice for these students in school. Students can sign up as group leaders and will be able to determine the direction of the group over the course of the year. The response from students so far has been truly inspirational and they have already been very pro-active in suggesting some amazing ideas for projects to launch this term.

### INSET day

The next INSET day is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Don’t forget a list of all term dates are available on the school website.

### Sports Clubs / After school activities

It has been lovely to see the buzz of activity after school with many students taking part in the ExI clubs this week. Details of clubs available for year groups can be found on the school website via this link [Sport Clubs - Winter 2021](#). Clubs are FREE and there is no need to sign up in advance to attend, students just need to go along to either the classroom advertised for each activity or to the PE corridor (for sport) at 3pm to get changed and a member of the PE team will be there to help and point them in the right direction. All students are welcome.

In addition to our amazing staff team, Wirral Rugby Girls team coach will be in school 3-4pm every Wednesday on the 3G pitch, previous Merseyside Sporthall Team Manager will be supporting the Y7 & 8 Sporthall athletics on Tuesdays, and we are also delighted to have a police PT trainer on Tuesdays for the running/fitness club.

### **Mr Reginald Chrimes – 1924-2021**

It is with great sadness that we share with you the news that Mr Reginald (Reg) Chrimes passed away last week. I know many of you will remember Mr Chrimes, who was a highly respected member of the Neston community and a valued and dedicated supporter of the school. Mr Chrimes was instrumental in campaigning to first open a secondary school in Neston in the 1950s and made a significant contribution to the school in his time as Chair of Governors only retiring from his post in June 2018. He will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

His obituary can be found via this link – [Reg Chrimes 1924-2021](#)

### **NHS Winter Pressures Campaign**

The NHS are currently preparing for an earlier increase in winter pressures due to a number of factors including reduced population immunity to other non-COVID viruses, the backlog of routine care and the potential for COVID cases to rise again over Winter. As a result the NHS would like us to promote a number of campaigns including:

Choose Well this Winter – see attached parent guide

Bronchiolitis YouTube video to support parents to care for their children at home and seek help when appropriate – YouTube link [https://youtu.be/L4X\\_FZxtlSg](https://youtu.be/L4X_FZxtlSg)

### **Brio Leisure – Membership Offer**

Brio Leisure have a special membership offer available to parents and students from September to December. Adult monthly membership £20 & Junior monthly membership £10. Please follow the link for more information [Get Fit with Brio Leisure this Autumn! - Brio Leisure](#)

### **Staff vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy to join our kitchen team, full details of the role can be found on our website on the following link [Kitchen Assistant vacancy](#)

As always, thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a lovely week.

With kind regards

K Simpson  
Headteacher