

Senior Girls

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For Boys and Girls
aged 4 to 18 years

29th November 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians

Re: Christmas Parties

We have learned, with a combination of horror, surprise and displeasure, that there is a long-standing tradition of Sixth Form students arranging a party in the run-up to Christmas referred to colloquially as Chrimmie. This event is usually arranged by the pupils themselves and takes place during the school week. For those parents new to this, it involves pupils in the Sixth Forms across the two Senior Schools catching the last train into Liverpool, going to a club for the party and then catching the first train back to attend school. Although this event is outside the direct control of School, it is an occasion that does have serious consequences for the School and its reputation. In the past it has also caused issues for the local police and Merseyrail.

We are sure that along with us, you will recognise the safeguarding risks to the pupils associated with it as well as the potential risks of legal action for underage drinking and other factors. We therefore do not want to put the children at the risk of doing something unsupervised which may impact on their futures going forward. Several parents who have had older children through the schools have already raised their concerns about it. Many feel that whilst they take an initial stand to say no to their children, peer pressure from other parents and from other children has meant that they have reluctantly relented. We would like to ask for your support therefore in ensuring that it does not take place this year.

We all have a duty of care to our sons and daughters to ensure that we are able to support them to make informed decisions and take affirmative action in high risk situations so that their safety and wellbeing is protected. We would not wish your children to be in the position as some parents have been put in the past, that their children go missing following this event.

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We would also note that in the past the consequences of this event have spilled over into the next School day. Pupils have arrived at School dressed inappropriately and have been under the influence of alcohol. As I am sure that you appreciate, neither are acceptable. Appropriate sanctions will be put in place should any pupil come into school under these conditions. This will include suspension. We hope, therefore, that you will work with us to ensure that we are not put in this position.

We want to work with you and with your child to ensure that they can reach their aspirations in terms of grades, in terms of university and in terms of becoming a responsible adult in due course. We firmly believe that Chrimmie does not help in anyway whatsoever and we would be grateful for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Mr D Wickes
Headmaster