



Friday 2nd October, 2020.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As I'm sure you know, cases of COVID continue to remain high across Warrington, the North West and the country. We therefore remain subject to restrictions which include the wearing of masks in communal areas of the school. I'd like to thank the pupils for their continued efforts and for displaying a wonderfully mature attitude in relation to the safety measures at school.

I also want to congratulate pupils as they remain focused and engaged in their learning across the school. Walking around the site and seeing our outstanding young people engaged in learning is one of the best and most rewarding aspects of my job; and it's wonderful to see pupils taking responsibility for their own learning and understanding how important education is to their future success.

We were thrilled to receive two pieces of welcome news this week. Firstly we received the news that our Maths department have been shortlisted in a group of ten schools for the Maths team or teacher of the year award at the national TES awards 2020. They are the only maths department to represent a school in the North West within the category.

Performance of pupils within Maths at the school was questioned by Ofsted in 2010, 2013 and 2015 but the improvement work undertaken over the last 3 years has seen the department secure significant improvement in this area to become one of the highest performing in Warrington. The nomination for the award is deserved recognition for the improvements in teaching, the quality of the curriculum and, ultimately, the outcomes for pupils.

Of course, the work in Maths is reflective of the school improvement work undertaken across the whole school over the last three years; so we were thrilled to receive further news this week that the transformational work undertaken by the staff - resulting in Penketh achieving it's best ever outcomes last year and being judged as a good school by Ofsted earlier this year – has been recognised.

We have been notified that Government Initiatives IQ, a company who publish and distribute government reports, have recognised **Penketh High School** as a **100 Top Performing and Improving School 2020**. The organisation will include a feature on the school in their 2020 education report available later this year.

This recognition not only serves as validation for the work undertaken by staff to secure improvements on behalf of our outstanding young people, but also celebrates that efforts of our pupils who have risen to the challenge of higher expectations and standards over the last three years. Whilst we will celebrate this news together, it also serves to motivate us to continue to strive for further improvements so that our pupils have access to the very best opportunities and experiences.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Carlin.

Principal.



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