



**PRENTON**

High School for Girls


Making a positive difference today to achieve a better tomorrow

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Dear Parent/Carer

It is with great pleasure that we welcome your daughter to the start of the new academic year at Prenton.

I am delighted to report that students who completed their education with us in the summer term achieved some of our best ever GCSE results; the endeavours of students and staff were evident from these wonderful results and we are delighted to see our students moving on to a range of exciting next steps in their education and training.

Ensuring that we have the very best facilities and resources for our students is something that we believe is important in supporting our aim of **making a positive difference today to achieve a better tomorrow**. The school has undergone some significant developments over the summer break, and we look forward to sharing new facilities and resources across a number of areas with students as they return to school.

I am sure that by now you are aware of the '**OVO Energy Tour of Britain**' cycling event that comes to Birkenhead and the Wirral on **Wednesday 11 September**. It is a real honour for the Wirral to host such a prestigious event, and it will undoubtedly attract visitors from across the region. Whilst this is a fantastic opportunity for the Wirral, we have carefully reviewed plans for the event to decide whether it will cause any significant disruption and/ or potential risks to our students on the day. You may be aware of a number of road closures around the local area, and whilst the main event does not start until 11am there will be some disruption to travel in the Birkenhead area in the morning. However, our main concern is with regards to the safety of students travelling home from school. Cyclists are expected to complete the event, which starts and finishes in Birkenhead Park, between 3 and 4pm. There will be significant disruption to travel at this time, when many of our students travel through the centre of town, and an added risk of a large number of visitors and spectator crowds within Birkenhead and the surrounding area. Safeguarding is always our primary concern, and having thoroughly reviewed all of the information now available to us, we have taken the decision to close school on this day. Closing school for the day is not a decision that we take lightly and I appreciate that this may cause some disruption to families, however, we feel that this measure is essential in safeguarding our students.

Whilst we have made the decision on safeguarding grounds to close the school, this is a highly prestigious sporting event and families may decide to take the opportunity of visiting the event together on this day. Details can be found at: <https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stage-five>

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to working with you to ensure a highly successful year for all of our students.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lisa Ayling  
Headteacher