



Tuesday 12th September 2017

Dear Parents,

Back To School Updates 2017

We have been delighted to welcome our students back to school this week at the beginning of another exciting year here at Tarleton. I hope you have seen our press and social media announcements outlining the fantastic achievements of our outgoing GCSE students in the summer. In terms of 'overall progress', and students succeeding with the more challenging new GCSE's within English and maths, it has been another fantastic year – the result of the great team work involving students, staff and parents.

Events for parents this term have already begun with our Year 7 parent information evening last Thursday, which was incredibly well attended with a palpable air of excitement and positivity. We are very privileged to have such widespread support from our parents.

Other dates this half term include:

- Thursday 14th September Year 10 Parents' Information Evening 6.00pm
- Thursday 14th September Year 11 Parents' Information Evening 6.45pm
- Tuesday 19th September Year 8 Parents' Information Evening 6.00pm
- Tuesday 19th September Year 9 Parents' Information Evening 6.45pm
- Thursday 27th September School Photography
- **Thursday 21st September** **Open Evening – school closes early 12.30 – buses arranged**
- Monday 9th October Yr 11 GCSE Drama Trip to the Liverpool Everyman Theatre
- Thursday 19th October Year 7 Tutor 'settling in' parent consultation evening

Welcome New Staff

At the start of any school year it is always exciting to be joined by new team members and this year we are pleased to welcome:

- Mr Alli – Humanities Faculty: Religious Education
- Mr Hartley – Humanities Faculty: Religious Education
- Mrs Staniforth – Humanities Faculty: Geography
- Miss Webb – Humanities Faculty: History
- Miss Davids – Science & PE Faculty: Physical Education
- Miss Day – Maths Faculty
- Mrs Exley – Maths Faculty
- Mr Mulligan – Maths Faculty: Lead Practitioner of Maths

Outstanding education at the heart of the community

Summer Refurbishments

We wrote to you in April with the great news that we had been successful in securing £250,000 to continue our refurbishment programme in school. During the summer holidays the school has been a hive of activity with contractors working hard to complete the refurbishment of the toilet facilities throughout the school, the development of a visitor's car park in the front of school and improved fencing of the site to increase the security for students and staff. The vast majority of this work is now complete and the students are already commenting positively on the difference these improvements are making to their day to day experience at Tarleton Academy.

The refurbishment of the school site will continue and these improvements have been guided by the student council as we are now developing an outdoor seating area on the site of the old Douglas building which is currently a derelict area. As always we will work hard to acquire further funding to develop the facilities and resources at the school to offer the best we possibly can for our students and the wider community.

Multi Academy Trust and Partnership Development

We have now embarked on our new partnership with Wellfield High School, with my time divided across our two schools and Mr Cunniffe, our Head of School and the rest of our fabulous staff ensuring the standards and enjoyment in learning at Tarleton continues to grow. Other key staff are also working across the partnership to ensure we establish the excellent practice we have here at Tarleton. We are also in consultation with other schools about them joining our Multi Academy Trust and we will update you on this as these developments become firmer. As always, we will only develop in such a way as we can ensure that the quality of education at Tarleton is not affected in any way that is not positive.

If any of you have any concerns or questions about any of this please don't hesitate to contact us via Mrs Rooney s.rooney@tarletonacademy.org

Yours sincerely,

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