



19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016

Dear parents & students,

### Clarification about 'Head of School' Role

We have been notified that the letter from Mr Cunniffe on Friday caused some confusion for some parents. This is just to clarify and reassure those of you who thought that we had a new Headteacher. This is not the case! Back in September I sent you a letter to explain staffing changes and the introduction of Mr Cunniffe. It was a long letter with lots of information, but if you missed it, it can be found by clicking on the link below or on the website under school letters, archive, 12<sup>th</sup> September.

<http://www.tarletonacademy.org/images/September%202016%20Important%20Updates.pdf>

The letter contains important explanations about our development as a Multi Academy Trust and Sponsor Academy. In the New Year you will increasingly see our 'Endeavour Learning Trust' logo popping up on our letters and communications. Whenever there are other concrete developments I will keep you fully informed.

In addition we held 'Welcome and Information Evenings' for each year group in September and October, at which Mr Cunniffe was introduced by me. We hold these at the start of the academic year for each year group and we would encourage you to come along, as it is always easier to hear things explained rather than read about it. These are really well attended and it is always great to touch base personally with our parents, right at the beginning of the year. Our Senior Leadership Team run these briefings and they usually only take half an hour, but we are always available after to answer individual queries.

Mr Cunniffe also held assemblies with each House to introduce himself and explain his new position to the students. They are quickly getting to know him as he has a strong presence around school and is having a hugely positive impact.

I do appreciate that the terms 'Head of School' and 'Executive Head' are quite new. The most important thing is that the school runs smoothly even when I might be out and about supporting other schools. This is what the Head of School helps to do, along with all our wonderful staff and students who are completely focused on our key aims. Increasingly Miss Bacon and I are supporting other schools, but I remain the driving force behind our wonderful school and there are no plans to change this.

I hope this clarifies our current situation. Tarleton Academy is a wonderful school and I remain proud and humbled to be leading such a fabulous team of staff and students in partnership with you, our parents.

Wishing you all a peaceful festive season when it comes and a Happy New Year,

*Mrs Gwinnett*  
Executive Headteacher

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