



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents,

### Staffing Update

As you may already be aware we said 'goodbye for now' to Mrs Bryan, one of our Geography teachers, last Friday, as she started her maternity leave. We welcomed Mr Gill, an experienced Geography teacher, who worked alongside Mrs Bryan before she left to get a clear understanding of each students' strengths and areas for development. He also spent last week working with her tutor group, D-LBR, to enable a smooth transition into his role as their personal tutor.

Mrs Gill will start her own maternity leave after the half-term break and this week we welcomed Miss Garrahan to Tarleton Academy. Miss Garrahan will be working alongside Mrs Gill to ensure that she is able to hit the ground running after half-term in her role as Head of English. She joins us an experienced leader of English from one of our partner schools. She has also been getting to know the students within E-NGI as she will be their personal tutor from after the holiday.

We would like to wish both Mrs Bryan and Mrs Gill the very best for what is an exciting time for them and their families. We would like to thank them for their commitment to ensuring that our young people have been supported effectively and we look forward to hearing their updates on family life and welcoming them back to work for a rest in the very near future.

There have also been some changes made to the PE curriculum timetable due to the long term absence of Mr Roberts. These changes only affect a small number of Key Stage 3 classes and have been arranged to allow our current PE specialists to deliver to Year 10 and 11 GCSE PE classes. We have recruited an additional teacher with GCSE experience to join us after the half term who will stay with us as long as is needed.

We are delighted to have appointed a new member of staff to our Pastoral and Behaviour Team. Mrs Foster will take up the role of Team Leader within the Personal Development Centre from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Mrs Foster is very experienced in this type of role. Given the number of staff who are familiar with our students, both within school and across our Family of Schools, we are confident she will quickly get up to speed with the individual needs of particularly our most vulnerable students.

This change will enable Miss Daly to take up an exciting opportunity across the Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). Whilst we are sad to see her move away from a full-time role based at Tarleton, we want to acknowledge that her new role will enable all our schools to access her invaluable skills. Miss Daly has been a dedicated member of the staff team over many years and has served the children and the Tarleton community endlessly. I know she is very well respected by the students and parents alike because of the time, patience and diligence she has consistently demonstrated in her roles in school. We will see her from time to time, but we needed you to be aware she is not based here full time and her role will be more about working with staff rather than directly with children.

After the half term we will clarify again which pastoral manager is associated with which year group.

Yours sincerely,

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