



TARLETON ACADEMY

Headteacher: Mr S Parker

Friday 17th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

End of Year Letter

As we reach the end of the academic year, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Reflecting on the year that has passed, I genuinely believe this has been our strongest year yet since we reset the vision and values of Tarleton Academy. Together, we have gone beyond simply defining our values; we have embedded them into daily life, creating a shared culture built on belonging, high expectations and a collective sense of purpose.

The impact of this work is evident across the school. Student conduct has improved significantly, celebration has become a central part of school life and most importantly, student wellbeing continues to strengthen. This year, 100% of students identified a trusted adult in school, a measure that reflects the positive relationships our staff build with young people every day. Alongside this, we have seen a 62% reduction in students being withdrawn from lessons due to disruption, meaning more children are learning successfully in classrooms every day.

It has also been a year of national recognition. We were incredibly proud to be shortlisted for two national awards, including finishing in the top three schools nationally in one category. Whilst awards are never the reason we do what we do, they are an acknowledgement of the progress our school community has made together.

Perhaps the most significant development has been securing final approval for Endeavour Thrive, our specialist autism provision, which will open in January 2027. Following months of partnership working with Lancashire County Council and Endeavour Learning Trust, we received final sign-off this week, allowing work to begin on transforming the Ribble building into a state-of-the-art specialist provision for some of the most vulnerable children in our community. This commitment to inclusion continues in September with the launch of Eden, our new mainstream SEND and Inclusion Hub, further strengthening the support available to students with additional needs.

I want to recognise the extraordinary commitment of our staff. They have continued to deliver exceptional teaching whilst creating an incredible range of enrichment opportunities for our students. Three years ago, many children told us they had never been on an educational visit during their time at Tarleton Academy. Today, it would be difficult to find a student who has not taken part in multiple visits, residentials, performances, sporting events or leadership opportunities. These experiences broaden horizons, build confidence and create lifelong memories and they only happen because of the dedication and generosity of our staff.

As the year draws to a close, we say farewell to staff moving on to new opportunities. Mrs Jones will leave us as Curriculum Leader of Spanish to take up a promoted post as Assistant Headteacher at a school in Blackburn. Mrs O'Shaughnessy will be moving on from her role as Head of Year to take up a different role within our Trust. We wish both departing colleagues the very best for the future. New staff will be introduced in our September return-to-school letter.

We are looking forward to welcoming all students back to school on **Thursday 3rd September**. To ensure a smooth start to the day, we kindly ask students to arrive promptly by 08:45. For those who arrive earlier, breakfast provision will be available, starting from 08:00. Below, you will find the term dates for the academic year 2026-27. Further key dates specific to your child, including Parents' Evenings, will be shared in September for your attention and planning:

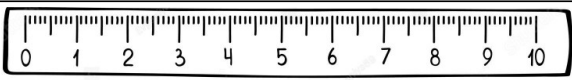
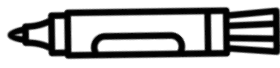
Autumn Term 2026	
INSET Days	Tuesday 1st September & Wednesday 2nd September 2026
School opens to all students	Thursday 3rd September 2026
Early School Closure for Open Evening	Wednesday 30 th September 2026 (12:35 finish)
INSET Day	Friday 23rd October 2026
Half Term	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026
End of Term	Friday 18th December 2026 (12:35 finish)

Spring Term 2027	
INSET Day	Monday 4th January 2027
School opens to all students	Tuesday 5th January 2027
Half Term	Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2027
End of Term	Thursday 25th March 2027 (12:35 finish)

Summer Term 2027	
School opens to all students	Monday 12th April 2027
May Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027
Half Term	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027
End of Term for Students	Tuesday 20th July 2027 (12:35 finish)
INSET Day	Wednesday 21st July 2027

As we prepare to welcome students back for the new academic year, I would like to remind all families that students are expected to return to school fully prepared, adhering to our established uniform and equipment expectations. Please note that there have been no changes to our school uniform policy. I encourage all parents and carers to take a few moments to review our guidance, particularly in relation to school shoes, to ensure that all items meet our published expectations. In addition, any false nails and all piercings other than a single plain stud in each earlobe must be removed before students return to school in September. Outlined below is a list of the equipment that every student is expected to bring each day. To support organisation and readiness for learning, all students must bring a suitable school bag. Finally, I would also remind families that every student is required to have a Yondr pouch. Should a replacement be required, new pouches can be purchased via the Arbor Store.



Equipment Checklist			
30cm Ruler			
Whiteboard Pen		Eraser	
 You must have a school bag big enough to carry your reading book , school book and equipment.	Additional Equipment: - CASIO FX-83GTX - Protractor - Compass - Pencil Sharpener - Coloured Pencils - Apron - Spanish Dictionary - PE Kit - Trainers		
 You must carry your equipment in a pencil case .			
<i>Igniting Excellence and Empowering Individuality</i>		Pen 	Green Pen 
			Pencil 

As we embark on the summer break, it is crucial to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of our students. Please remember that during the holidays, emails may not be monitored as regularly as during term time. Any information regarding the safeguarding of children should be promptly shared with the school or relevant local authorities where necessary. Our Reach Out reporting system will remain active throughout the summer, and we are committed to addressing communications promptly. However, please be aware that response times may be delayed during this period. If you have immediate concerns related to the safety or safeguarding a child please call:

- Lancashire Area: Children's Social Care on 0300 123 6720 or Out of Hours 0300 123 6722
- Sefton Area: Children's Social Care on 0151 934 4013 or Out of Hours 0151 934 3555
- Liverpool Area: Children's Social Care on 0151 233 3700 (24-hour service)
- **If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the Police using 999.**

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Your partnership remains a vital part of what makes our school community so special and helps ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive. As we head into the summer break, I wish all our families a restful and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 3rd September, ready for the opportunities of the year ahead.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S. Parker
Headteacher