

20<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Dear Parent** 

## **Welcome Letter**

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as your new Headteacher here at Tarleton Academy. It is a privilege to have been appointed by Endeavour Learning Trust and entrusted with the job of leading such a fantastic school.

Over the last week I have had the opportunity to introduce myself to our students and staff; and I am very much looking forward to bringing my wide range of educational experience as a teacher, middle and senior leader to Tarleton.

During my time at Tarleton I have been impressed by the open, honest and friendly atmosphere; positive relationships are evident everywhere and the sense of purpose and learning is tangible. In an ever changing world, it is important that we not only provide our students with academic knowledge and skills, but also help them to develop the self-confidence, resilience and positive mind-set that will help them succeed and be happy wherever their future takes them. I am determined that our school builds on its legacy and continues to flourish and maintain its position at the heart of our community.

I am looking forward to working with the whole community as we strive for even greater outcomes for all our young people. By working together, we can ensure that all students enjoy their time at school, make excellent progress and leave us with the necessary skills and attributes to lead meaningful and fulfilling lives.

As you know, at Tarleton Academy we encourage and teach all students to aspire to be the best they can be. We will continue to be ambitious for all our students and with your support as parents, we will continue to ensure that your child follows our extremely high expectations and standards.

We are really proud of the start our year 11 students made with their assessments last week, these along with the detailed knowledge our teachers have about each young person will ensure they are awarded the fair grade they deserve. Our year 10 students continue to build on the excellent learning completed during our period of remote learning and are showing mature, engaged and inquisitive attitudes within the classroom. This week we started our Year 9 options meetings, an important part of ensuring all our students select the Key Stage 4 courses that are right for them and allow them to be successful in the future. Our year 7 and 8 students have had an unusual and disrupted start to secondary school, but they have

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risen to the challenges this has presented and are continuing to develop and mature into hard-working and responsible members of our school community.

We continue to follow government guidance, but are excited about the easing of restrictions and how this will allow our school to once again become a vibrant hive of activity. Already some extra-curricular activities and clubs have been able to start and it was a joy to see so many students taking part in a range of PE options after school this week.

I would like to invite you to a webinar on <u>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm</u>, where I will be outlining how we are planning to get Tarleton back to 'normal' and some of the exciting events we have coming up later this term. There will also be an opportunity for me to answer any general questions you may have, which you will need to email to <u>enquires@tarletonacadedmy.org</u> by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter. I am determined to do the very best for the students and staff at Tarleton Academy and I look forward to us working together in the coming months.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs V Hill Headteacher