End of Year Highlights

July 2023

# A GREAT END TO THIS ACADEMIC YEAR!

Welcome to our final Tarleton Academy Newsletter of this academic year. In this issue we will reflect on what has been a very successful final term and share with you some of our students amazing achievements.

## AN IMPORTANT VISIT TO TARLETON!

At the end of this term we welcomed OFSTED for a thorough inspection of our school, following our previous inspection in 2018. The inspection sought feedback from students, staff and parents in addition to the inspectors immersing themselves in a typical day experience at Tarleton Academy, both in lesson and during unstructured times. We look forward to sharing the final report with you when it is published in September.

## **EXCITING TIMES AHEAD!**





As we come to the end of this academic year we feel very fortunate to have settled into our new school. More recently we have seen the start of the demolition of our old school buildings and what an impact the removal of the Mersey Building (or 'J' Block) has had on the skyline of Hesketh Lane! We cannot wait to see just how much progress is to be made over the summer and look forward to our new carpark being built at the front of school.

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# WELCOME YEAR 6!

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June we held our annual Transition Events for the Year 6 students that will be joining us in September.

This year we made significant changes to the programme in order to give students even more of a 'high school' experience. In addition to the pastoral sessions in Houses, where students took part in 'getting to know you' activities, they also had lessons in Science, English, Maths and took part practical sessions in Art, DT, and PE.

We had a great couple of days with out new students and cannot wait to welcome them to the Tarleton family!

On the evening of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>, we welcomed over 300 parents into school for Transition Evening, this was the very first event in our new school Hall! The informative presentation shared our values, standards and expectations whilst sharing the staffing structure and Transition Team on hand to support our new Year 7.

## THIS TERMS HIGHLIGHTS...

- We donated over 800 food items to Lakeside Church in Southport to support their The Trussell Trust Southport Foodbank.
- All Year 10 students attending 2 or 3 College Taster Days, the college leaders praised our students for their impeccable conduct
- Well done to Y9 and Y10 athletics teams in their district competition - the boys team came first in the district and our girls came 4th.
- What a brilliant night was had by both staff and Y11 students at the Prom Celebration at The Waterfront Hotel in Southport
- We welcomed Natalie Shay, multi award winning musician, into school to perform for our students Y8 & 9 students this as part of our Personal Development (PSHCE) programme.
- Students in Year 9 attended the Science Summer Festival 2023 at West Lancashire College.
- We had the privilege of inviting LUSoM into Tarleton for an advanced (beyond GCSE) maths and physics session
- Students from Y7,8, 9&10 represented the school in the annual Maths Challenges and did exceptionally well
- We held a STEM Forensics Day in school attended by representatives from Y7-10
- Our final Personal Development Day of this academic year saw all students engage brilliantly in their sessions and developed an understanding of a range of topics relating to Finance, Careers, RE, Sex and Relationships statutory content and health and well-being sessions.

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## DALEY STEAL ENNIS' SPORTS DAY CROWN!

The weather may have postponed our final events on Sports Day but it didn't dampen the spirts of our students! After rearranging the finals to the following afternoon the sun shone down on the field events. Students proudly waved their house banners in support of their peers, cheering them along the final straight. Ennis have always been the house to beat on Sports Day at Tarleton Academy and so you can imagine the delight when Daley managed to take the top spot having accumulated the most points from their track and field events. Well done to Miss Allcock and Daley house!



### A STAR PERFORMANCE!

We are incredibly proud of our students and staff and would like to thank them for their hard work in making this year's Summer Concert a huge success. The first stage performance in our new school.

A lot of work and additional training was undertaken by Mr Ball and Mr Porter to learn how to use the new sound system and lighting. The standard of performance was exceptional, with many new faces performing for the first time on stage! What a fantastic way to end the term.

### LET'S GET READY TO RAMBLE!

This year saw the return of our annual Sponsored Walk. All students in school completed a 4.5 mile ramble through the beautiful public paths of Tarleton and Hesketh Bank on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

All money raised will go towards purchasing library books to stock our fantastic new Learning Resource Centre which will be available for all students to access next academic year. This is the next stage in our whole school reading strategy, we are passionate about developing our students 'Reading for Pleasure'.



#### A WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO BLACKPOOL!

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July we took over 350 students to Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Both staff and students had a great time, from rollercoasters to Burger King and amusements, we definitely have the record this year for the biggest cuddly toy won – thank goodness we had a spare seat on the coach to bring it home!



## END OF TERM CELEBRATIONS!

It is traditional at Tarleton Academy to have an End of Year Assembly to celebrate the student's achievements this year. We awarded the winners of our Endeavour Awards with either a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum award. Winners of these awards were nominated by staff as the students that consistently approach their learning with an outstanding work ethic and attitude throughout the academic year.

In addition to this we celebrated this terms Subject Award winners, students with 100% attendance and achievement point winners – who all received prizes in school this week. Well done to all!

## **NEW BEGINNINGS!**



This term studets voted to rename our Houses to mark the move into our new school. Overwhelmingly students voted to keep the memory of the old school buildings alive by renaming the houses for the new academic year to Ribble, Yarrow, Douglas and Mersey.

Happy Holidays from all at Tarleton Academy!