



TARLETON ACADEMY

Headteacher: Mr. S. Day

20th July 2023

Dear Parents,

End of Academic Year Information Letter 2022/23

I am delighted to be writing to you at the end of our first term in our new school building. It has been very busy year for Tarleton Academy, not least the move to our new build mid-year and the commencement of the demolition of our old buildings. As we have done previously, we have detailed our end of year highlights in a separate newsletter where you can find out all about our end of term activities as well as other events that have taken place this since the move.

OFSTED

As you know we have recently been visited by OFSTED who spent two days with us looking at what we do well and how we can continue to improve. During the inspection, Inspectors met with teaching staff, curriculum leaders and our students. They carried out lesson observations and met with Senior leaders and our Local Academy Council members as well as representatives from the Endeavour Learning Trust Board of Trustees. We are expecting the report to be published in September and look forward to sharing it with you then.

Change of House Names

As part of our move, we feel it is time to review the names of our Houses. We have consulted with the students and staff and wanted new house names that honoured the legacy of the original school. We feel that the best way to do this is by renaming the Houses after the old school buildings, so from September the house names will be;

Daley – Yarrow
Farah – Douglas

Ennis - Mersey
Wiggins - Ribble

Student Leadership

Earlier this term we invited our Year 10 students to apply for Leadership positions within our student team. Mrs Berry and the House Progress Leaders had the unenviable job of making the final selections, as the quality of application and the standard of student interviews were so high. Following the rigorous application process, I have pleasure in announcing our head students for 2023/24:

School Captains: Elspeth Scobie and Luke Haigh

Vice School Captains: Leela Blackburn, Isaac Ashcroft and Ben Collins

Congratulations to all of our student leaders, including those who were appointed as House Captains, who will play a key role in representing the school in the wider community, guiding the future development of our school and leading the subject prefects and the future Year 10 prefect team.



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Staffing Update

The end of the school year is often the time when we say goodbye to some of our staff and this year is no exception. We would like to say goodbye and best wishes for the future to the following teaching staff;

Mr Bradshaw – English
Miss Morris – Modern Foreign Languages
Miss Duffy - Modern Foreign Languages
Mrs Staniforth – Geography
Miss Portas – Physical Education

Thank you to all of these staff for their dedication to the school and our students, you will be missed. We also bid a temporary farewell to Mrs Gill who will be starting her maternity leave during the summer break.

We have been fortunate to have been able to recruit new subject specialist teachers in all areas who will be joining us in September. We are sure that they will be warmly welcomed by our students and will soon feel part of the Tarleton family.

GCSE Results Day

We are looking forward to welcoming back our outgoing Year 11 students when they pick up their GCSE results on Thursday 24th August. Results will be available from **9am** in the main hall. Staff will be on hand to celebrate with students and to offer guidance and support. If you have any further questions please contact our exams officer, Miss Walsh on e.walsh@tarletonacademy.org.

Autumn Term

Wednesday 6th September will be the first day in school for all students. Year 7 and 11 students are expected in school at 8.45am. Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 should arrive from 11am for an 11.20 tutor period. This later start allows us to induct our new Year 7 students, supported by our Year 11s, into their new school environment. Please note the buses will run as normal in the morning and afternoon, meaning students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will need to make their own way here.

Uniform

At Tarleton Academy our uniform is important to us. So ahead of September, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the Uniform and Appearance Policy. We are very proud of the fact that our students wear their uniform with pride and attend school looking smart and ready to learn.

We would also appreciate your full support with regards to skirts, which should be strictly knee length, without exception. Please ensure that your child's skirt is of the correct length before they return to school in September. If you have any concerns about the length of skirt and the fit, we suggest you contact SWI/Monkhouse and/or make an appointment to see them.



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With regard to school shoes, as a reminder, these should be black and sturdy. Shoes should be traditional and look like school shoes – ballet style pumps, such as Vivienne Westwood that slip on, trainers and those that are nearly, but not quite trainers are not suitable. To support you in your choice of school shoes for September I have also attached a Standards of Footwear document.

Please do not spend money on shoes that you are unsure about, if in doubt, please check with us. Finally, we have had a number of enquiries regarding our uniform supplier. We can confirm that SWI/Monkhouse is our primary uniform supplier however we can confirm that local retailer, Premier Sports in Ormskirk will be able to supply uniform products and make up badges locally.

As you are replenishing your school uniform this summer we would welcome any donations into school of old, but wearable uniform and PE kit, to stock our uniform swap-shop. Further details to follow. For any enquiries please message us on: swapshop@tarletonacademy.org

Important dates

Looking ahead to new academic year, please make a note of some key dates for your diary in our Autumn term:

- **Wednesday 6th September** Year 7 and 11 in school 8:45am; Year 8, 9 & 10 in from 11am
- **Friday 8th September** Yr 7, 9 & 11 school photographs
- **Tuesday 12th September** Year 8 & 9 Information Evening 6pm
- **Thursday 14th September** Year 10 & 11 Information Evening 6pm
- **Friday 29th September** MacMillian Coffee Morning
- **Tuesday 26th September** Open Evening
- **Thursday 19th October** Year 7 & 8 Tutor Evening
- **Friday 20th October** school closes at 3.15pm for half term break
- **Monday 30th October** INSET Day
- **Tuesday 31st October** school reopens to students at 8.45am

Finally, may I once again thank you for your support of the school and your children during this year. Have a relaxing summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Regards

Mr S Day
Headteacher