

26th May 2023



TARLETON
ACADEMY

Dear Parents,

Headteacher: Mr. S. Day

End of Half Term Newsletter

As we near the end of our first half term in our new school building, I would like to take a moment to reflect on our journey so far and share with you some of our students' achievements since 'moving in'.

New Build

The transition to our new school has been exciting for all of us. The building provides an inspiring and modern learning environment, equipped with state-of-the-art technology as well as modern dining facilities and purpose-built subject specialist rooms. Our students have adapted swiftly to their new surroundings, continuing to display the high standard of behavior and engagement in learning that we expect.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the fantastic Tarleton Academy staff for their incredible hard work in ensuring a smooth transition to the new building, allowing us to maintain the high standard of education we are committed to providing throughout the move.

We are keen to hear what you and our students think of our new school buildings. Please use this link below to complete a short feedback survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/L62rYgCdRk>

Year 11

Our Year 11 students have made a tremendous start to their GCSE examinations. They have shown maturity in their exam preparation and have displayed exemplary behavior in the examination room. I would also like to commend the positivity with which they have approached their exams, an attitude that I am sure will continue for their remaining examinations.

Our students have told us that after the half-term break they would prefer to be able to prepare for their examinations at home. To support this; from the 5th June onwards, students are only required to attend school if they have an examination. For example on the 5th June it is English Paper 1 for all students in the morning. Following the examination, students may leave site to work at home if they wish, they will need to sign out if they do this. During the remainder of the exam period, lessons for examinations yet-to-be-completed will continue at their scheduled time, with staff available to support students as and when needed. Students may continue to use the school bus as normal however students who are arriving at school late or leaving early will need to make their own transport arrangements.



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Homework

As you will know we have recently been reviewing the homework we set our students and the frequency with which they complete it. I am pleased to say that the majority of our students complete their homework on time and to a high standard. Those who are occasionally late handing in their homework do this infrequently and will generally produce their homework with prompting from their teachers.

We regard homework as a vital extension of classroom learning, allowing students to consolidate and extend learning that has taken place within lessons and give students the opportunity to work independently and prepare for future lessons, practice examination techniques or further develop appropriate skills and enhance knowledge. Our aim is for this to be structured, meaningful and coherent for all concerned.

Homework also gives you the chance to support your child's progress and encourages dialogue about school experience. We value your input in engaging with the homework your child has been set, this may be viewed using our Classcharts app which shows the subject and task your child has been set as well as the deadline date for submission. In the unlikely event that your child has failed to submit a significant number of homeworks over the course of a half-term intervention measures will be put in place to support them in completing it on time.

Uniform

You will also recall that I recently wrote to you reminding you of our school uniform policy and our belief that a smart uniform gives our students a sense of pride in our school and supports them in having a positive mindset with which to engage in their learning. We have continued to monitor the uniform of our students and have challenged those whose uniform is not in line with our uniform policy.

As I stated in my previous letter, those students who fail to attend school in the correct uniform from the 5th of June will be subject to sanctions as detailed in our School Uniform Policy: <https://tarletonacademy.org/parents/academy-uniform>. Please note that this policy is non-negotiable, and all Academy students are expected to be in full school uniform at all times unless directed by the Headteacher or their representative e.g. students may be given permission to remove their blazers in extremely hot weather.



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Success'

The pace of school life has not changed following the move to our new building, and we have had lots to celebrate this half term:

- Our Year 9 and 10 students undertook a very successful Football and Netball Tour of Marbella over Easter during which all students behaved impeccably. Well done to those students that won awards at the end of the trip, including; Most Improved player and Outstanding Performance .
- 100% of our Year 10 students secured a Work Experience placement which they completed in May. The feedback we have received from employers has been excellent.
- Huge congratulations to our girls Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Football Teams who have finished the season as District Champions.
- Over 100 students gathered at the Waterfront Hotel in Southport for this year's annual Sports Awards Evening where we celebrated team and individual sporting successes from last year.
- Well done to Liam in Year 10, the winner of our Poetry Competition in which we asked students to reflect on what Tarleton Academy meant to them.
- Our Y8 girls did us proud on their Girls Active Day at West View Leisure Centre in Preston which included rock climbing, cardio tennis and Thai boxing with World Champion Rachel Mackenzie.
- Well done to Kara in Year 8, the winner of our Creative Coronation Competition, she created a beautiful Union Jack fruit platter as part of the Coronation celebrations.
- Year 10 have completed their Practice Exams and conducted themselves impeccably - a big well done to all!

All that remains is for me to wish all of our students and families a pleasant and restful half-term and to thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to welcoming our students on Monday 5th June at 8.45am as usual.

If you wish to contact us, please use the enquiries@tarletonacademy.org email address.

Kind regards

Mr S. Day
Headteacher