



TARLETON
ACADEMY

Headteacher: Mr S Parker

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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. This year has marked a period of significant progress at Tarleton Academy. With the dedication of all staff, we have worked hard to deliver an ambitious programme of school improvement, focused on providing the very best for our students, families and wider community.

A key development has been the launch of our new teaching and learning framework, with the needs of all learners, especially those with SEND, placed at the heart of our planning. We have introduced a revised behaviour system which has led to clear improvements in conduct, creating a more focused and purposeful learning environment. Beyond the classroom, we have offered more trips and visits than at any other point in recent years. This included the launch of our commitment to visit ten global destinations over the next three years, reflecting our belief in the importance of learning beyond the school gates. We also introduced our first fully integrated personal development curriculum, tailored to be age appropriate and responsive to local needs.

Throughout the year, we have worked to reset and strengthen school culture, ensuring that Tarleton Academy feels warm, inclusive and welcoming to all. Initiatives such as *Fabulous Fridays* have helped build a positive atmosphere and strong sense of community. These changes are already having a real impact. This was reflected in our recent Community Engagement Survey, which saw a 16% increase in responses from both students and parents. Across every question, feedback highlighted a shared recognition of the positive improvements taking place in school. We look forward to sharing more detail on this once we have fully reviewed the data in the new academic year.

As the year draws to a close, we say farewell to staff moving on to new opportunities. Mr Murphy leaves us after supporting the maternity cover of Mrs O'Shaughnessy, who we look forward to welcoming back in September. We also thank Mrs Maranda, Mr Vearling, Mrs Bodell, Miss Guignard, Ms Tattersall and Miss Lythgoe for their contributions during their time at Tarleton Academy. A special mention goes to Mrs Lewis-Jones, who retires this summer after 20 years of dedicated service in a range of roles. She has been a valued part of our school community and will be greatly missed. We wish all our 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 **Wednesday 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 2025-26. Further key dates specific to your child, including Parents' Evenings, will be shared in September for your attention and planning:



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Autumn Term 2025	
INSET Days	Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025
School opens to all students	Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Early School Closure for Open Evening	Wednesday 1 st October (12:35)
INSET Day	Friday 24th October 2025
Half Term	Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025
End of Term	Friday 19th December (12.35pm)

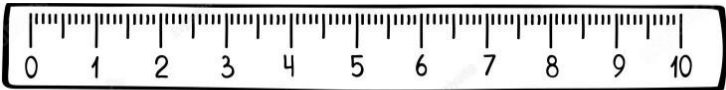
Spring Term 2026	
INSET Day	Monday 5th January 2026
School opens to all students	Tuesday 6th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2025
End of Term	Friday 27th March (12.35pm)

Summer Term 2026	
School opens to all students	Monday 13th April 2026
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026
End of Term for Students	Friday 17th July (12.35pm)
INSET Day	Monday 20th July 2026

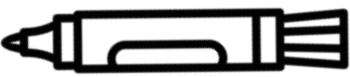
I kindly remind all families that students are expected to return to school prepared and ready to learn, adhering to our established uniform and equipment requirements. Please note that there have been no changes or updates to our school uniform policy, and I encourage parents/carers to review the guidelines regarding school shoes to ensure compliance. Additionally, it is essential that any false nails or piercings, beyond a single stud in the earlobe, are removed before the start of term. Outlined below is an overview of the required school equipment for each student, which includes essential items such as stationery and calculators. I would kindly remind all families that it is mandatory for all students to carry a school bag to support their organisation and preparedness for learning.

Equipment Checklist







30cm Ruler




Whiteboard Pen



Eraser




You must have a **school bag** big enough to carry your **reading book**, school book and equipment.




You must carry your equipment in a **pencil case**.

Additional Equipment:


- CASIO FX-83GTX
- Protractor
- Compass
- Pencil Sharpener
- Coloured Pencils
- Apron
- Spanish Dictionary
- PE Kit
- Trainers



Pen



Green Pen

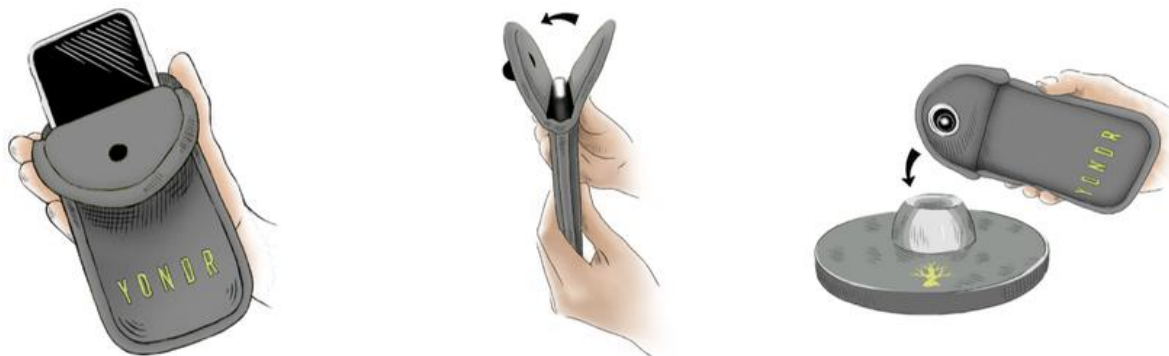


Pencil

Igniting Excellence and Empowering Individuality

Looking ahead to next year, we are proud to announce that we been selected to take part in the **Embedding Formative Assessment (EFA) programme**, a national initiative based on the work of Professor Dylan Wiliam, aimed at ensuring that every child is supported to succeed in the classroom and beyond. Independent evaluation from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) shows that the programme has a demonstrable impact on the learning experiences of young people. We're excited to be part of the EFA programme as it reflects our commitment to providing our students with the learning experiences that inspire, motivate and build confidence.

Parents and carers will now be aware that from September 2025, Tarleton Academy will become one of Lancashire's very first smartphone free schools. This is an exciting and forward-thinking step for our community. As part of this, we have invested in the YONDR programme to support improvements in learning and to reduce the over-reliance on mobile phones, which is widely recognised as having a negative impact on student wellbeing, mental health, and levels of anxiety. We also know that mobile phones are often linked to incidents of cyberbullying, and this proactive move enables us to better safeguard our students. The scheme will be fully funded by the school, with every student receiving their personal YONDR pouch on the first day of term. A full induction will be delivered to students at the start of the year, including guidance on the updated start and end of day procedures that will be introduced as part of the new system.



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 in September, ready for the opportunities and challenges of the year ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S. Parker
Headteacher