



# KEEPING CONNECTED

## TARLETON ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



JULY 2025

#TEAMTARLETON



# END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025: Tarleton Ramble**

**Dress Code:** PE Kit

<b>Lesson 1</b>	Normal lesson
<b>Lesson 2</b>	Normal lesson
<b>Early Lunch – 11:15 - 12:00</b>	
<b>12.00 - 12.30</b>	Tutor Room: Information Briefing and Bag Drop
<b>12.30 – 12:45</b>	Staggered Departure from MUGA. Bring your water bottle and lots of sun cream!
<b>12.45 Onwards</b>	Ramble
On return to school, students will be greeted by the ice-cream vans and are invited to purchase an ice cream or ice lolly. The fields will be open and we will enjoy an extended afternoon break until 15:00.	
<b>15:00 – 15:15</b>	Register with tutors and collect personal belongings





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**THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025: Sports Day**

**Dress Code:** PE Kit

<b>Tutor: 08:50 - 09:15</b>	
All year groups to register as normal in tutor group	
<b>Period 1: 09:15 - 10:15</b>	
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Years 8, 9 &amp; 10</b>
Go to normal lesson, register & leave belongings, make way down to field.	In normal lessons
<b>Period 2: 10:15 - 11:15</b>	
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 7, 9 &amp; 10</b>
Go to normal lesson, register & leave belongings, make way down to field.	In normal lessons
<b>Period 3: 11:35 - 12:35</b>	
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 7, 8 &amp; 10</b>
Go to normal lesson, register & leave belongings, make way down to field.	In normal lessons
<b>Period 4: 12:35 - 13:35</b>	
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 7, 8 &amp; 9</b>
Go to normal lesson, register & leave belongings, make way down to field.	In normal lessons
<b>Beginning Period 5 - 14:15 - 14:25</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Register at usual tutor base</li><li>• Leave bags in tutor base</li><li>• Tutors to go down to the track with tutor group</li><li>• Sit in assigned area</li></ul>	
<b>Period 5: 14:25 - 15:15</b>	
Sitting in tutor groups in allocated area Participating in relays or supporting in the track (roles will be assigned).	

**FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY 2025: Blackpool Rewards Trip**

**Dress Code:** Appropriate non-uniform for students going to Blackpool. Full school uniform for those remaining in school.

- Depart Tarleton Academy to go to Blackpool: Approximately 08:45 - 09:00
- Return to Tarleton Academy from Blackpool: Approximately 17:30

Appropriate work will be set for the 250+ students remaining in school. Attendance is required if not attending the rewards visit.

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## MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2025: Tarleton Festival Day

**Dress Code:** PE Kit

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Tutor	Review Plan for the Day			
Period 1 9.15 - 10.15	Inflatables Challenge	Tutor Championships	Tarleton Biq Quiz	Rewards Assembly
Period 2 10.15 - 11.15	Rewards Assembly	Inflatables Challenge	Tutor Championships	Tarleton Biq Quiz
Break (11.15 - 11.35)				
Period 3 11.35 - 12.35	Tarleton Biq Quiz	Rewards Assembly	Inflatables Challenge	Tutor Championships
Period 4 12.35 - 13.35	Tutor Championships	Tarleton Biq Quiz	Rewards Assembly	Inflatables Challenge
Tarleton Take Away (13.35 - 14.15)				
Period 5 14.15 - 15.15	<b>Tarleton Festival</b> Just Dance - Main Hall Soak the Staff Member – Outdoor Canopy Area Performance - Main Stage			

## TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025: Final Day of Term

**Dress Code:** Regular school uniform - blazers are not required.

School will close at 12:35. School busses have been arranged to arrive in time for the early closure.

Students in receipt of a free school meal are able to order a grab-bag lunch for collection at 12:35. Orders can be made via their Form Tutor.

Tutor	Regular Tutor Time
Lesson 1	Normal lesson
Lesson 2	Normal lesson
Break Time: 11:15 - 11:35	
Lesson 3	Students to return to tutors for the final period of the day



# SMARTPHONE FREE FROM SEPTEMBER 2025

We are becoming increasingly aware of a significant negative impact on the wellbeing and behaviours of students associated with mobile phone usage, both in and out of school.

Evidence from studies shows that social media can cause significant problems for student mental health and wellbeing. As a school, we also have concerns about how social media is increasingly having a negative impact on students. Social media is still in its infancy, and something our students are having to learn to deal with as they grow up – a unique challenge faced by this digital generation.

Social media addiction is a genuine concern and research suggests that young people who are heavy users of social media - spending more than two hours per day on social networking sites are more likely to report poor mental health, including symptoms of anxiety and depression. We are determined to keep all our students safe in school.

Instances of online bullying are unfortunately common and are made worse due to social media, group chats and mobile phones. By removing mobile phones, we can create a safe space where our students are protected from cyber-bullying, whilst enjoying face-to-face relationships with friends and removing associated worry, anxiety, and depression. We can also enjoy lessons free from distraction, giving our students the opportunity to really focus on their learning.

## How will it work?

From September 2025 students who wish to bring a phone to school will need to store it in a Yondr phone pouch during the school day. These phone-sized pouches have a strong lock which, once closed, cannot be opened again without a specially designed unlocking device. All students will be provided with a pouch funded by school and this should be carried as part of their daily equipment.

Our requirement will be that, on arrival to the school site, students switch off their mobile phone and place them into their own pouch which they will keep in their bag/blazer until the end of the day. They will then have access to unlocking devices as they leave the school site.

Any student leaving school before the end of the day will be able to unlock their pouch when they sign out. We are working with Yondr to ensure we have sufficient unlocking devices available at the end of the day for students to be able to unlock their pouches quickly. We will also ensure, to begin with, we allow additional time for students to be able to do this at the end of the day.



Further information relating to this important change will be communicated in a separate letter in the coming weeks. Additionally, we plan to host a series of parent/carers drop-in information evenings where we will share the research and findings that has led to us taking this important decision. These sessions are scheduled for:

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (17:00 - 17:45)
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (17:00 - 17:45)
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (17:00 - 17:45)



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