



# TARLETON ACADEMY

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Dear Parent,

## End of Term

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, we would like to give you an update on school life, information about the end of this term and in preparation for the new term. A copy of the school's newsletter is attached and details the fantastic achievements of our young people. There is also a copy of the site plan with some key markers for the changes in the new year.

### Year 11

We have reached the end of the Practice Examination series for this year group. As a school we would like to recognise their excellent conduct, coupled with their resilience and preparation for the exams. In the new year, we will communicate these results with students and families through the 'Brown Envelope' process, which rehearses the exams results session in the summer. This is in mid-January.

### Site Development Update

By January 8, the first day of the new term, we anticipate and welcome the completion of the next phase of the works. Marked on the map with a corresponding number, here is the site information for the start of the new term:

1. Students should continue to access school via the Yarrow Drive with the gate shutting at 8.45am prompt.
2. The existing entry gate for cars will retreat around 100 metres, nearer to the entrance from Hesketh Lane.
3. The car park will be in use for staff and visitors – there will be no parking at the back of school. Parents and visitors should use the school reception to enter the building.
4. Buses will come onto the school site and use the bus lane. This means that students will line up at the bus stops.
5. Stagecoach bus 2 (a public bus), which goes to Southport or Preston will continue to pull into the drive at the front of school.
6. The outdoor communal areas, including the shelter will be completed.
7. The MUGA pitches will be completed and ready for use.

There will be a full site check on Friday 5 January and if there are any changes, we will be in touch with you before the start of term.



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## Uniform and Appearance

Father Christmas may well bring some presents next week! Can we urge that phones, jewellery and make up do not come to school after the break? A reminder of the equipment list:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Calculator
- Whiteboard and pen
- Fully charged Chromebook

As we return after the Christmas break, we would like to remind everyone of our expectations related to uniform. A key feature of our policy is what we wear (uniform) and how we wear it (appearance) and in the new year we will have a stringent focus on some aspects of the policy. In summary, some key points of note are:

- **Knee length skirts**
- **Sturdy school shoes, no trainers**
- **Make up should be discreet which includes an absence of fake tan**

In school, we have a range of clean, preloved uniform which we will be happy to give to parents if their child has grown out of their own. If you are struggling with any aspect of school uniform, please consider contacting our popular Uniform Swap Shop on [swapshop@tarletonacademy.org](mailto:swapshop@tarletonacademy.org). The swap shop has a range of clean, donated uniform items of all sizes which we are happy to pass on. Equally, if you do have any donations, these will be gratefully accepted.

## January 2024

I will continue in role as interim Executive Headteacher for the spring term at Burscough Priory and Tarleton Academy. Mr Houghton will maintain the role of interim Deputy Headteacher and is the named Designated Safeguarding Lead. In this role, he will ably be supported by Mrs Browne who is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and new to school. A big welcome to Mrs Browne from everyone here at school!

In the new year we will regroup and reboot. This will include refresh of ClassCharts for all students, the points will be banked but the pie chart will be cleared. New Year is always a time for setting out new intentions and identifying the support we need to achieve our goals - at school, we will focus on standards and be very explicit about our expectations based on our values. Facimus Nostre Futurae, ('We make our future') is an optimistic motto; one driven by Respect, Resilience and Aspiration. These will have our focus, be our touchstones and be the means by



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which we celebrate success with our students, the staff team and wider community. We will give you a summary update in the first week of term and there will be some small changes to the information that you will have available to you on ClassCharts.

## Finally ...

School is closed over the Christmas break and this extends to all of our colleagues who work for the Endeavour Learning Trust in the Central Team. If you do contact school over the break, you will receive an automated response and these messages will be reviewed at the start of term and directed from thereon in. **School reopens for students on Monday 8 January at 8.45am for all students with a short session with Personal Tutors and the restart assemblies for all year groups – it will be Week 2.** In line with the message from the Department for Education, attendance is compulsory for all students and will be a big focus again in the new year.

On behalf of all of the staff here at Tarleton Academy and right across our Trust, we would like to wish you a safe and well rested break. Happy Christmas and best wishes for a healthy 2024.

Yours faithfully,

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