



# TARLETON ACADEMY

Headteacher: Mr S Parker

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Welcome Back

The beginning of a new school year is always filled with hope and opportunity. It was a great pleasure to welcome students back to Tarleton Academy this morning and it was particularly exciting to welcome our new cohort of year seven students and those who have transferred to Tarleton for the start of the new academic year. We are delighted to welcome students, parents and carers joining our school community and I look forward to meeting with you all in due course.

I would like to echo the sentiments shared by our CEO, David Clayton, in the letter to all families yesterday. We recognise that many students returned to school today with an understandable sense of concern due to the tragic events that have deeply affected our community following the events in Southport on 29<sup>th</sup> July. Our thoughts are with everyone impacted, and I have personally conveyed our messages of strength and solidarity to the team at Churchtown Primary School, who have been significantly affected by the loss of innocent life at the start of the summer break. Tomorrow, during assemblies, we will address these events with our students, providing a space to reflect and remember those whose lives have been touched by these tragic circumstances. We understand the importance of offering support during such challenging times, and I want to reassure you that our support services are available to any students who may need them. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the named contact below if your child requires additional assistance as we navigate this difficult period together.

	Year Leader	Senior Leadership Link
Year 7	Miss B. Webster	Mr S. Parker
Year 8	Mrs M. Simpson	Mr L. Betney
Year 9	Mrs L. Seddon	Mrs R. Iozzi
Year 10	Mrs J. O'Shaughnessy	Mr T. Houghton
Year 11	Mrs K. Crystal	Mr A. Smith

I am happy to officially launch our newly established school vision, ***Igniting Excellence and Empowering Individuality***, which was thoughtfully developed in partnership with students, staff, parents, and carers during the final term of the last academic year. This vision encapsulates our commitment to fostering an environment where every student can excel academically while being empowered to express their unique talents and personalities. As we move into the next phase of our school's development, this vision will guide the decisions and changes we implement, ensuring that every initiative we undertake aligns with our goal of nurturing excellence and celebrating the individuality of each student.



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Over the summer, we have implemented several structural and operational changes to further enhance the provision for our students. One of the key changes is the revised structure of the school day, which has been positively received by students today. This new structure allows for a more balanced and productive learning environment. We have also introduced a robust personal development curriculum, designed to support the holistic growth of our students, equipping them with essential life skills alongside their academic studies. Additionally, we have completed minor building work in our Key Stage bases to create secure safeguarding spaces, ensuring students have private, comfortable areas where they can engage in confidential conversations with trusted adults. We are also excited to announce that we have expanded our SEND team, with the recruitment of additional staff, including a Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Inclusion Worker who will be joining us in October. These changes reflect our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, supportive, and enriching environment for every student at Tarleton Academy.

We remain fully committed to continuing our close collaboration with parents, carers, and members of the wider Tarleton community. We welcomed the constructive feedback provided by all members of our community in our *Community Engagement Survey* and I will be writing to you later this term to explain how we have responded to this. To facilitate ongoing dialogue and strengthen our partnership, we are pleased to announce the continuation of the community drop-in sessions, which will take place termly on Saturdays at Boskins Cafe. These sessions offer an informal setting where you can discuss any ideas, or feedback with members of our school leadership team. Details of each drop-in event will be published in advance to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate. Additionally, we will continue to host our *Meet the Headteacher* events in school, with the first of these scheduled for **Thursday 12th September**, between 16:30 and 18:30. A link to book an appointment will be shared in the coming days for any families interested in attending.

Thank you to all members of our school in anticipation of your support in the year ahead. We value your input and look forward to engaging with you as we work together to support the success and wellbeing of all our students.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S. Parker  
Headteacher