



**TARLETON**  
ACADEMY

Headteacher: Mr S Parker

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

This past week at Tarleton Academy has been a truly special way to end the term, filled with celebrations that highlight the exceptional nature of our students. Our rewards assemblies have been a wonderful opportunity to reflect on and commend the incredible achievements of our young people. We also came together to embrace the festive spirit, hosting two Christmas Dinners for over 375 students who enjoyed a traditional festive meal, while our daily lunchtime Christmas sing-alongs filled the school with joy and music. As we wrap up today, every student will leave with a chocolate treat, and if all goes as planned, they'll step out into a winter wonderland of snow—whether from the sky or our snow machine!

What has truly warmed my heart, however, has been the overwhelming generosity shown through our reverse advent calendar. Thanks to the incredible support of our community, we have received donations way beyond what we ever anticipated. These contributions have allowed us to support 35 families within our school community with food packages this Christmas and to make further donations to local food banks. Your kindness has been nothing short of inspiring, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated. This week has shown, once again, the strength, compassion, and spirit that make our Tarleton community so remarkable.

In the last fortnight, we've had even more reason to celebrate with the arrival of our validated results from the summer exam series. The data confirms that Tarleton Academy is one of the top 20 schools in Lancashire out of 161, and proudly ranks among the top 5 non-selective or faith schools in the county. This is an outstanding achievement that reflects the dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment of every member of our team. Thank you for all that you do to ensure the very best outcomes for our students and to support our wider school community. This recognition is a testament to the incredible collaboration and high standards that define Tarleton Academy.

As we draw this term to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families and every member of our school community a safe, restful, and joyful Christmas break. This time of year is a chance to pause, reflect, and cherish moments with loved ones, and I hope it brings happiness and peace to you all. Looking ahead to 2025, I extend my very best wishes for a year filled with success, good health, and fulfilment. Together, in the spirit of collaboration, we can continue to achieve brilliant things for our students. By working hand in hand, we can ensure they have every opportunity to thrive and shine. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to welcoming students back to Tarleton Academy on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025** at 08:45.

A significant area of focus for us this year has been improving student attendance, and I am pleased to share that we have seen a substantial improvement this term. Our whole-school attendance currently stands at 92% year to date, reflecting the commitment of our students and families to prioritising education. However, there is still more we can achieve together. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all families of the importance of avoiding holidays



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during term time and to ask for your continued support in ensuring that students attend school every day, ready to learn. As we look ahead to 2025, making regular attendance a priority could be a meaningful New Year's resolution to discuss with your children as they prepare for another term of learning.

From January, all school communications will be made exclusively through the Arbor app, as we discontinue the use of ClassCharts. We are delighted to share that 73% of our families have already signed up, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents and carers for embracing this transition. Your support in adopting the Arbor app is enabling us to streamline communication and enhance the service we provide to our school community. Thank you once again for your partnership as we continue to improve how we connect and collaborate with our families.

### **Key Dates for Spring Term 2025**

Return to School	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Meet the Headteacher – Drop In	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Break Up for February Half Term	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 3:15pm
Return to School After February Half Term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
Community Drop In	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Break Up for Easter	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April at 12:30pm

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.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S. Parker  
Headteacher