



Thursday 19th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Research Study – FLASH Marking in English

We are pleased to let you know that Tarleton Academy has agreed to continue our partnership in a national research and development project called FLASH Marking. We originally joined the project in September 2018 and have been using the project to develop our marking and feedback within English. FLASH Marking is a programme designed to provide simple and helpful written feedback to pupils in their English lessons. It provides a series of codes to explain where pupils have done something well and to show them areas where they can develop their learning and make further progress.

Due to the changes to the summer exams this year, the project has been extended in order to assess the impact the initiative has had over the past two years. To this end, GCSE data from your child's year group will be used to understand whether there is a difference between schools who have used the FLASH Marking approach and those who have not. Further details are available overleaf as to the type of data that will be shared with the project.

All pupil and assessment data will be treated in the strictest confidence and never be made public. No individuals will be identified or identifiable. The data will be analysed anonymously, together with data from other schools, and no individual pupils or schools will be named in any report. The data will be anonymised (no names will be attached) and shared by Durham University with the Education Endowment Foundation data archive.

We hope you will join us in supporting this important study. Please complete this short online form to indicate that you are happy for your son / daughter's information to be shared in this way:

<https://forms.gle/1y1PY5VzidhkBDfPA>

If at any point you decide you do not wish for us to use your child's data, you can opt out by contacting the Lead Evaluator using the contact details both below and overleaf. Your child will not be disadvantaged in any way. If you have further questions about the project or the evaluation you can contact us through the enquiries email address. Contact details are below:

Yours faithfully,

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