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Dear parents/carers,

This week I invited parents into school to meet members of the new senior leadership team and to hear insights to some of the plans for the future direction of the school. We are committed to ensuring that we are working in partnership with our parents and families and I look forward to welcoming more of you into our buildings in the next academic year. I thank those parents who were able to attend.

One of the key priorities for me since undertaking the role as Headteacher in March has been to diagnose our key areas for improvement and investment and we end the academic year with very clear plans for both. Every member of our school community deserves the right to come to school feeling safe, feeling supported and feeling aspirational about their future. I am committed to ensuring that we achieve this at pace.

I have outlined the core messages of the evening below.

The leadership team

We welcome a number of new leaders to the school for September. The depth and breadth of experience our new leaders bring has been carefully aligned to the needs of the school in order for us to make rapid change and was a process that began in March when I was first appointed. We enter September as a cohesive team with our educational purpose at the core of our work. This understanding of the holistic and rigorous approach that leaders need to embody sits at the heart of our school improvement journey. Safeguarding, SEND, Behaviour and Curriculum all working together to ensure that we are identifying issues, providing support and strategies and can be a point of expertise and support for families where needed.

The site

Over the course of the summer, work will commence for us to move to Key Stage campuses with all Key Stage 3 students receiving their education on our Broadway site and all Key Stage 4 students receiving theirs on our Foxland campus. This will include the provision of specialist teaching spaces for Science, DT, Performing Arts and a library on our Broadway campus. Foxland will also have further DT spaces and additional Science spaces in order to serve our Key Stage 4 students. Both sites will have a full

refurbishment of toilets and additional toilet facilities created. The creation of new teaching spaces and remodelling of areas of the buildings serve as our commitment to developing a school community where pupils have the opportunity to have a positive relationship with themselves, each other and the curriculum.

The school day

The site changes mean that we have the opportunity to reorganise our school day so that our students have longer breaks and will receive a food service for each with canteens and pods open on each site. Currently too much learning time has been lost between lessons and we are removing the 5 minute lesson changeover time. There will be no change to the start or end of the school day. We are committed to ensuring that students have opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities during the school day and the longer lunchtime now allows for this.

Period	Start	End
Registration	08.30	08.50
Period 1	08.55	09.55
Period 2	09.55	10.55
Break	10.55	11.20
Period 3	11.20	12.20
Period 4	12.20	13.20
Lunch	13.20	14.00
Period 5	14.00	15.00

Pastoral Support

We know that you want to know who to contact, how to get help or how to share important information with us. You will continue to have your child's form tutor as your main point of contact but in addition to this you will have the pastoral head of year and a teaching head of year. There will be some changes to some of our Key Stage 3 form groups in light of staff changes and the campus move. Parents and students involved in these changes will be contacted directly by pastoral staff this week.

Broadway Key Stage 3 Mr J Sadler			Foxland Key Stage 4 Mrs M Linnecor	
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Leadership Link: Ms J Djang	Leadership Link: Mrs L Plant	Leadership Link: Ms E Hulance	Leadership Link: Mr J Weil	Leadership Link: Mr K Bourne
Head of Year: Mrs K Clarke	Head of Year: Mrs Z Ashton	Head of Year: Dr L Holdsworth	Head of Year: Ms K Jessop	Head of Year: Mr J Howarth
Pastoral Head of Year: Ms C Francis	Pastoral Head of Year: Mr G James	Pastoral Head of Year: Ms L Lavanini	Pastoral Head of Year: Mr R Routley	Pastoral Head of Year: Mrs T Bartle

Our pastoral structure is at the heart of our plans for the future as we need to recognise the challenges that our young people face in an ever changing world. Trusted adults, time and space to access them, and adults who know them well are key to ensuring that your child feels safe and supported in school. That your child feels that they can be seen and heard with their worries and experiences and knowing that action will be taken to support them where it is needed. That you know that issues will be dealt with swiftly, effectively and with high challenge and support so that education is not interrupted and so that all children are treated fairly and with equity.

The new academic year

When students return to school in September we will continue our focus of high expectations for achievement and in all that we do. Our core values of Opportunity, Achievement and Respect remain in place. We will be asking all members of our community to use Ready, Respect, Safe as the core drivers for us to achieve our values for ourselves and for all other members of the school community.

- Broadway campus will open to students in Year 7 on Wednesday 6th September at 8.30am.
- Foxland campus will open to students in Year 11 on Wednesday 6th September at 8.30am.
- All other years will return to the relevant campus on Thursday 7th September at 8.30am.

Students should attend in full school uniform with their full school equipment. Planners will be distributed on your child's first day in school. School will also provide each student with a new year group tie in

exchange for their current tie. All students in Year 7 will be provided with their ties on Wednesday 6th September.

Students have been receiving these messages through assemblies over the last week and are having the opportunity to be involved in decision making around some of key changes next year, namely our rewards policy and the resurrection of our House system. Both of which will sit at the heart of our work to focus on driving the culture of our school to be one of success and celebration of our academic achievements and our personal development.

The school is about to change. Change can indeed be daunting and I recognise that for every member of our school community. I am unapologetic in my commitment to these changes though in order to lead the school to be one that our students, our families and our colleagues deserve.

A copy of the presentation to parents shared this week is attached. I also include a link here for families to complete a survey for the Education Learning Trust to share your views on the school. Please could you respond by Thursday 13th July 2023. The survey is easy to complete and responses are anonymous and are returned directly to the Trust:

<https://forms.office.com/e/kSmAu9pjFE>

I look forward to working with you in September.



Ms A Fowler,
Headteacher