



1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. As we settle into the new school year, I would like to take a moment to recognise the positive changes we've implemented over the last few weeks to enhance our students' experience at Tottington High School.

We have successfully transitioned to a one-week timetable, which has streamlined our scheduling. To further support our students, we've split lunch periods to reduce queuing times, ensuring everyone has ample opportunity to enjoy their meals. We are pleased to report that we have no supply staff in school, allowing for greater consistency in teaching.

Additionally, we have introduced linear sets to enhance the quality of education our students receive, and we have increased the variety of option subjects available to Year 10 students. Our commitment to student well-being includes having toilets open and staffed throughout the school day, reflecting our focus on providing a safe and comfortable environment.

In line with our new school values of kindness, enthusiasm, and excellence, we are excited to offer free revision guides and equipment packs to all Year 10 and Year 11 students. Our school doors are now open from 7:45 AM every morning, allowing students to arrive early if they choose. We are also pleased to allow students to wear their coats in the corridors and PE kits on PE days.

The introduction of our House system aims to foster a sense of belonging within our school community. We are thrilled to utilise Haslingden Sports Centre for our KS4 students, providing them with excellent facilities. Additionally, we continue to offer support to families in need regarding school uniforms and have implemented smaller welcome groups in the mornings to ease transitions.

We are excited to announce the opening of Laurel Farm, which will provide additional resources and opportunities for our students.

We have relaunched our Homework (Independent Study) process this week considering parents and student feedback. You can access all relevant information via our School Website: Student Information – Independent Study. We have also shared this information via Facebook.



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As we celebrate these improvements, I would also like to remind everyone of our shared responsibility to maintain a positive school environment. While we are committed to kindness, we have noticed some students taking advantage of this. It is vital that all students meet our expectations, particularly regarding the appropriate wearing of THS PE kit and suitable footwear (trainers). Punctuality is equally important; we expect all students to arrive no later than 8:25 AM.

We acknowledge that we have had to increase suspensions recently, a measure we do not take lightly. However, it is essential for maintaining a calm and purposeful learning environment.

I would like to invite Year 7 parents to an information evening on Thursday, October 10th, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the school. This will be an excellent opportunity to touch base and share your thoughts on your child's first few weeks at Tottington High School.

Lastly, I encourage all parents to complete the parent questionnaire (please scan the QR code below) or click [here](#). Your feedback is invaluable as we strive to improve the experience for our students at our wonderful school.



Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can ensure a successful and enriching school year for all our students.

Warm regards,

Mr David Yates  
Headteacher