



Friday 27th July 2018

Dear Parents,

Preparing for the New Academic Year 2018-19

As we have reached the end of the current academic year I am writing to let you all know about staffing changes that will take place from September 2018 and to highlight some key points regarding uniform and school equipment.

Staffing Changes:

As is the case each academic year in schools, we have staff that are leaving Tarleton Academy to take up new roles in different schools or organisations. We would like to thank all of them for their commitment and their dedication to ensuring that our young people have been supported effectively. We also have a number of new teachers starting employment at Tarleton Academy from September.

There will be a few changes to the middle and Senior Leadership Teams as we are saying goodbye to both Mrs Malinowski and Mr Christie as they take up new challenges away from Tarleton Academy. In September we will be welcoming both Mrs Barlow and Mrs Berry to the Senior Leadership Team, as they have been promoted to take up roles as Assistant Headteachers. We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Gill will take up the role as the subject lead for English, whilst Mrs McGregor will lead Modern Foreign Languages. Within the Humanities Faculty, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Alli who will leave Tarleton Academy to take up a new teaching position in Oldham.

Within the House system there will be a change of leadership of Daley House as Mrs Staniforth will be taking over as Head of House, whilst Mrs Leathard continues her maternity leave. In addition, Miss Lowe will take on the role of Head of House of Farah, whilst Mr Evans takes up a position as a Lead Practitioner for Maths.

The changes to tutor groups are listed below:

Current Tutor Group	New Tutor Group
JST (Mrs Staniforth)	SFR (Miss Friend)
CMA (Mrs Malinowski)	LGR (Miss Gregson)
CBA (Mrs Barlow)	SMO (Miss Montague)
KBE (Mrs Berry)	MGR (Mr Greenwood)
LLA (Miss Lakin)	EPI (Miss Pilling)

Outstanding education at the heart of the community

We are excited to be welcoming these new members of staff to our school and to the role of Personal Tutor. Careful consideration has been applied to ensure that each individual students' education and welfare has been prioritised. The Heads of Houses, current Personal Tutors and each new Personal Tutor have been working closely to ensure that students are supported effectively and that new tutors are fully briefed on their tutees prior to the start of the new academic year. In addition to the new staff above we will be welcoming Mr Dugdale to the PE Department and Mrs Jones and Mrs Shilton to the Modern Foreign Languages Department.

Uniform:

We are very proud of the fact that the vast majority of our students wear their uniform with pride and understand how it reflects on them as smart and purposeful learners. As a reminder of our expectations, our uniform requirements are detailed below:

- White shirt with top button fastened and shirt tails tucked into trousers or skirt
- Black school trousers or school badged skirt (skirts are required to be knee length)
- Black blazer with school badge
- Clip-on school tie
- Black socks (no higher than the knee) or plain black tights (socks should not be worn over tights)
- Footwear is to be plain black, smart, sturdy shoes (boots, trainers, pumps, fabric or high highs are not acceptable)
- Outdoor clothing is to be a plain dark coloured coat (casual outer garments such as non-school jumpers, hoodies, fleeces, cardigans, leather or denim jackets are not acceptable)

With reference to the information above, I would like to reiterate the policy we have for a knee length skirt. The expectation is that the skirt touches the top of the knee and allows room for growth. We also have a policy that all trousers should be regular school trousers (in keeping with our blazer, to create a 'suit' look) and not tight-fitting or 'skinny fit' trousers which are more suitable as fashion wear.

Please also remember that we have a no jewellery policy, except for a single plain gold or silver stud earring in each ear lobe, and extreme hairstyles or colourings are not allowed. These are important points to consider when planning for the return to school in September.

In addition, the Tarleton Academy PE kit consists of the following:

- Purple polo shirt with school logo
- Black shorts with school logo
- Long Purple socks with school name
- Trainers (black soled not allowed)
- Shin pads if required
- Black Micro Fleece or Black Multisport top with school logo
- Girls - One piece swimming costume, towel and hat
- Boys - Swimming trunks or swimming shorts (no Bermuda shorts or PE shorts) towel and hat. Football/rugby boots.

To order uniform or to contact the suppliers SWI, please use the 'Parents – Academy Uniform' section of the school website or the link below -<https://www.tarletonacademy.org/parents/academy-uniform>.

Equipment:

It is important that students arrive at school each with the minimum expected pieces of equipment to allow them to access lessons and learning. Our minimum expectation is that students have the following items on a daily basis:

- a sturdy dark coloured school bag for school equipment
- a pen, pencil, ruler, eraser and whiteboard pen (*these items can also be purchased from the school dining rooms during break and lunchtime*)

Please note that these are the basic requirements and for lessons, for example, such as PE, Technology and Art, students will require addition equipment. In addition, in Years 7 to 9 the vast majority of our students have their own Chromebook and students must ensure that their Chromebook is brought to school on a daily basis, fully charged and with a set of basic headphones for use in lessons.

Key Dates:

Please see below key dates for your diaries during the first half-term:

- Thursday 23rd August GCSE Results Day. Results available from 10.00am
- Wednesday 5th September Return to school: Years 7 & 11 in school all day and Years 8, 9 & 10 attending for individual Review Day Appointments
- Thursday 6th September School Photography: Year 7
- Thursday 6th September Year 7 Parents' Information Evening 6.00pm
- Tuesday 11th September School Photography: Years 9 & 11
- Thursday 13th September Year 10 and Year 11 Parents' Information Evening 6.00pm
- Tuesday 18th September Year 8 and Year 9 Parents' Information Evening 6.00pm
- Thursday 20th September Open Evening (school closes early at 12.30pm)
- Tuesday 9th October PSCHE Day 1
- Thursday 18th October Year 7 'Settling In' Tutor Consultation evening
- Friday 26th October INSET Day

The school calendar for the new academic year is now on the school website and the term dates can be accessed under the 'Our Academy' tab or by using the link below - <https://www.tarletonacademy.org/termdates> .

Finally, we hope that all of our students, staff and their families have a superb summer break. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the information within this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the school through the online enquiry form accessible from the 'Contact us' link on the school website.

Yours sincerely

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