

Dear Parents and Carers

It is a pleasure to welcome you back to the Summer Term as the new Headteacher at Newsome High School.

I have had an extremely warm welcome from both students and staff and I look forward to working with the wider community in order to ensure we provide outstanding learning and excellent results. I am passionate about ensuring that students have the very best experience and opportunities to prepare them not only for important qualifications, but also to be well-rounded, responsible citizens - demonstrating compassion, enthusiasm and confidence. To support this, we must have an aspirational culture where positive behaviour, creative teaching and a caring approach support all students - whatever their ability.

Over the coming weeks, I will be organising Headteacher 'drop-in sessions' to give parents and carers the opportunity to meet me in person and discuss any issues or ideas. In the meantime, I will be ensuring that I get a further feel for the school and meet all stakeholders to ensure we are meeting the needs of the community in which we serve. Rest assured I will work tirelessly to make sure the school flourishes and maintains its welcoming, family feel. Even in the short amount of time I have been in the school, I can see the strengths and potential Newsome has. I have several ideas as to how we can guarantee that our school continues to improve, building on the foundations already in place since our last Ofsted monitoring visit, driving up standards as well as developing our young people to ensure they have the best life chances.

There will be many challenges ahead, not least as the Government makes changes to what is expected of schools. It is important that we work together to make sure OUR school serves the needs of OUR community and OUR young people and I hope that as many of you will get involved in the life of the school as possible. Only by working together can we make sure our children enjoy school and develop the skills and knowledge they need to build successful, happy lives.

I have no doubt that exciting times are ahead for our students and it is a privilege to be part of this journey. I look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely



Mr Dean Watkin
Headteacher