



18<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for the support given to Newsome High School both over the past academic year and the last term. Much has happened during this time, including:

- Introduction of a Learning and Behaviour model to organise lessons to promote learning and engagement.
- Ensuring students stay on school site at lunchtime, keeping them safe and accounted for.
- Realigning lunchtimes so that different key stages have their own time.
- Appointments of new staff both in teaching and key leadership roles.
- Introduction of our new website to improve communication.
- Introduction of dedicated Personal, Social & Health Education through Form Time to ensure students understand key life concepts such as anti-bullying, keeping safe, literacy and numeracy.

I appreciate the many changes that have taken place in the past few weeks and that change can be difficult, but this will ensure we have the best possible start in September and minimise disruption to learning. Rest assured that these changes are for the benefit of our students and their future.

Whilst the media can sometimes take great delight in publishing a story at the expense of a school, I am grateful for the huge amount of support received from parents and careers that understand the recent changes and our drive to provide consistency and high expectations of every learner. I have no doubt that this will provide the solid foundations of sustained and rapid improvement in the coming months and years ahead.

As the school is approaching the end of the academic year, it is important that you are clear about the arrangements for the end of this term and the arrangements for the beginning of the next academic year.

### **End of term arrangements**

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All students will finish on Friday 21st July at 1pm. Students will be dismissed from the Sports Hall following a collective farewell from staff. Food will be available as normal at breaktime.

### **Year 11 GCSE Results Day**

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Students receiving their GCSE results can do so at 10am on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August. School will be open from 10am. Please note that results cannot be collected by other students. If your child cannot collect them in person, we can arrange for these to be posted home. These must be requested in writing in advance of results day.



## Start of term arrangements

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### Students in Year 8 to Year 11

Students in years 8 to 11 will start back at the normal time on Wednesday 6th September and go straight back into learning.

### Students in Year 7

Our new year 7 students will start back on Tuesday 5th to give them an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school. Students are to arrive for 08:30, ready for assembly at 08:45 in the Lecture Theatre.

## Uniform and Equipment

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Following the reminder sent out in June, advance notice was given regarding our uniform expectations. This letter can be seen under the parents > Letters section of our website entitled Be Ready BfL Letter. Uniform can be purchased at Term Time Wear, located at 5 Saint John's Road, Huddersfield HD1 5AY.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Deputy Headteacher and most recently Associate Headteacher, Phil Pearson for his commitment to the school and wish him a very happy retirement. 13 years of exemplary service is certainly something to be celebrated and he will be missed by many. We also send our well wishes to other staff members who are moving on in their career.

Our brand-new website is now online and we aim to use this as our main method to improve communication. Our academic calendar for 2017/18 is also online should you want to make yourself aware of key term dates.

I wish you all a very happy summer and again express my gratitude for your continued support and look forward to seeing our students in September.

Yours sincerely

Mr Dean Watkin  
Headteacher