



17th July 2018

End of Summer Term Letter

Dear Parent or Carer

We have arrived at the end of a busy year with lots of exciting developments in our school that will prepare us for the future and ensure successful learning for years to come. It has also been a year since I joined the school and it has been without doubt, the most pleasurable and proudest times in my career - our children are a credit and it's a pleasure to be part of their development.

There is much to celebrate with regards to progress and also to seeing students demonstrate our school values such as respect, integrity, teamwork and aspiration. We have seen so much of these qualities in school this term.

Continuing on a reflective note, all the staff were pleased to meet with families at our various information evenings and at the Parent Evenings that took place over the year. These events support the partnership between school and home which we all value, in recognition of the strong support system this provides for your child. That being said, I recognise the need to further build on partnerships in order to ensure we offer children and families the support they need.

We have enjoyed many school events this year, such as Rock Challenge, productions and numerous educational visits. We ended the final week with a visit by Noel Williams who came to do a talk to all year groups on community safety and the importance of education. We also invited parents and other colleagues from different schools, police and community members to hear his hard-hitting story. This was very well received and will benefit all our school community. Our students were exceptional and contributed to the session positively. This is another example of our commitment to personal safety.

Student Success

This year we have made changes to the curriculum to ensure it meets the needs of all our students. This also meant that year 11 have been given opportunities to study courses that will benefit them in their future careers through the Microsoft Specialist GCSE. Over 90 students took this course and gained exceptional results mostly at grade B or above. I wholeheartedly wish our year 11 students all the very best for the future and look forward to seeing them on results day. Other students will benefit from our new curriculum in September with an increased amount of time in their core subjects - preparing them for a successful future and enabling them to show progress.

Educational Visits

we offer a wide variety of school visits for students and this year has been no exception. Our recent visits include the Hawkthirst activity trip, Hornsea, Thackray Medical Museum and France. Visits such as these are valuable both to learning and the development of our children and look forward to many more next year - hopefully I will get to go on one!



Student Aspiration

Students at Newsome demonstrate their aspirations like no other school I have worked in and this is demonstrated by the phenomenal number of applications to join the Student Senior Leadership Team. My Senior Team and I have had the pleasure of reading through student applications and shortlisting for interviews. This is no easy task when many students approach me to tell me how much effort and time they have put into their expression of interest letters - the emotion around this is literally like the X Factor process! Our new appointments will be released after the interviews have taken place.

End of Term Information

Students finish the term on Friday 20th July at 1pm. Students will be involved in a celebration assembly before departing. It is important that your child still attends so that their attendance record is not affected. On Friday 20th July, students can wear non-uniform. Please also visit the the uniform expectations in readiness for September - this can be found on our website and a recent letter sent out by Mr Mitchell.

Start of term Information

We welcome our new Year 7 students on Tuesday 4th September where they will spend the day settling into their new school surroundings. All other students return to school on Wednesday 5th September and will follow their normal school day. Students will receive their new timetables during Form Time.

Summer GCSE Results

Year 11 students can collect their results on Thursday 23rd August between 10am and 11.30am. If your child cannot collect their results in person, they can nominate someone to collect them on their behalf. They must provide the name of the nominated person/s either in writing to Miss Joanne Williams (Exams) before the end of the summer term or by email to jwilliams@newsomehigh.kirklees.sch.uk . The representative will need to provide I.D.

What if you can't collect?

Alternatively you can provide a stamped self-addressed envelope and results will be sent in the post. Again this must be provided before the end of the summer term. Results will not be released to anyone other than the student without prior written permission from the student.

On behalf of all the staff at Newsome High School, I wish you and your family a wonderful summer and look forward to the new academic year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Watkin
Headteacher