

10th January 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

May we wish you Happy New Year and we hope that 2017 is a really good year for you all.

Welcome back to a new and exciting term at Newsome High School & Sports College. The year will see several key changes. The interim leadership of the school has been taken on by Mr Phil Pearson as an Associate Head Teacher working along with Mrs Lorraine Barker, who is supporting us in her role as a National Leader of Education. The Governors have begun the process of recruiting a new substantive Head Teacher to be completed ready for September 2017.

The leadership of the school's Governing Body has also changed. The Chair of Governors is now Lesley- Anne Pearson and the Vice Chair is David Baxter. We give our grateful thanks for the service of the outgoing Chair of Governors, Mike Rosser and Vice Chair Dick Wall. Both have given many years of dedicated service to the school. The new Governing body is pursuing Multi-Academy Trust options to secure the future of the school in the longer term.

Following our OfSTED inspection in March last year, a monitoring visit was made by HMI in December. The outcome of this visit is in the form of a letter which will be posted on the school web site as soon as it has been published and is available for any parent to have in hard copy. The inspection endorsed much of what we have put in place to ensure that the school moves forward to becoming consistently 'Good'.

All our families can support us in our drive for excellence by ensuring students' attendance is as close to 100% as possible. This can be achieved by avoiding medical appointments made in school time and not taking students out of lessons for family holidays. Please remember that any student who falls below 90% attendance is now classed as 'Persistently Absent' and for those in Year 11, Colleges require students' attendance to be 95% or better.



Our school performance of 'We will Rock You', which had to be postponed from before Christmas will now take place with two evening performances on 14th and 15th February. Rock Challenge takes place again at Magna, Rotherham on the evening of March 14th.

Year 10 will do their 2 weeks of work experience placement from March 27th - April 7th. If you have difficulty in finding a placement, please let your Year Head, Nina Thomas, know and we will do our best to support you.

Year 11 students are now entering the important run up to the summer external examination season. They have had their Christmas examination results and will be making College applications in February.

We will be hosting a Revision Evening on Wednesday March 22nd, 6pm and we hope as many Year 11 students and families will attend to gain a better understanding of how to revise.

We look forward to a busy and fulfilling term and, as ever, we thank you all for your support for the school as we move forward together.

Yours sincerely



Phil Pearson
Associate Head Teacher



Lorraine Barker
National Leader of Education