



COMMUNITY

25th August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to keep contact in the run-up to the start of term and to share key school information following what has been a challenging period during GCSE results for our outgoing Year 11 students. I also include Year 11 students and families in this letter as you are and will always be part of our wider school family and we remain here for you on your future endeavours.

The school continues to shine

The school continues to make huge leaps in terms of overall student progress and has achieved year on year record results and this year has been no exception. This year the school has celebrated another record breaking year in the history of the school. All current year groups are really in the best possible situation for success at Newsome and I take pride in our very positive status both within the Local Authority and further afield.

Teachers worked tremendously well during the challenging responsibility placed upon them in awarding GCSE scores this year - whilst ever changing national guidance and decisions were being published daily. We achieved results that we were predicting pre COVID which is another tremendous testament to our lovely students and their commitment, hard work and effort. Whilst results day wasn't what I or staff would have liked due to various health and safety restrictions, it was lovely to see the excitement and celebrations.

New staff starting next academic year

Our successes have meant that we are expanding our school and creating new opportunities. With this in mind, we welcome a number of new staff to the school and internal promotions where staff are gaining new or additional responsibilities.



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There have been changes to the school's Core Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to add further capacity at a strategic level. The following staff make up the Core Senior Team:

- Ms Morgan - Deputy Headteacher
- Mr Hinchliffe - Deputy Headteacher
- Mrs Stokes - Assistant Headteacher for Teaching & Learning
- Mr Mitchell - Assistant Headteacher for Personal Development, Behaviour & Standards
- Mr Jesson - Assistant Headteacher for Achievement & Standards

To further support student care and support, we have further in our Pastoral Team. We now have the following leaders for each year group:

- Miss Brook - Year 7 Lead
- Mrs Hirst - Year 8 Lead
- Mrs Jones - Year 9 Lead
- Mr Bellanfante-Sinclair - Year 10 Lead
- Miss Gledhill - Year 11 Lead

We are always here for our outgoing Year 11

For any Year 11 students needing further support in their further study plans, please contact us and we will of course offer any support needed. As I have mentioned previously, we will also of course ensure that Year 11 students don't miss out on what would have been their prom/end of year celebrations and when the time is right and we are able to do so we will arrange something.

Reminders for the start of term

Below is a reminder of the start of term arrangements and I include a link [HERE](#) to a previous letter shared outlining arrangements. Please do ensure you are fully aware of arrangements so we can get back to learning both swiftly and smoothly.

WEEK 1		WEEK 2	
Monday 7th Sept	INSET	Monday 14th Sept	Year 7 and Year 11
Tuesday 8th Sept	INSET	Tuesday 15th Sept	Year 7, 11, 10
Wednesday 9th Sept	Year 7 only	Wednesday 16th Sept	Year 7, 11, 10, 9
Thursday 10th Sept	Year 7 only	Thursday 17th Sept	ALL
Friday 11th Sept	Year 7 only	Friday 18th Sept	ALL



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We will start to increase the communications again in the run-up to the start of term so that everyone feels confident and secure in the arrangements for the start of term through texts and letters where appropriate as feedback showed that this was very much welcomed.

We are extremely grateful for all the support received from the school community and we will continue to keep in touch if there are any updates to our plans or if we need to make changes due to new or updated government advice.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Watkin', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

D Watkin
Headteacher



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