

15th July 2019

"This is an outstanding school. The community of Pleckgate has a local secondary school it can be proud of. It provides an excellent education for all its pupils".

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are at the end of another highly successful year in which Pleckgate High School continues to be recognised nationally for the outstanding education we provide for all our students. The outstanding judgement we received from Ofsted in January, across all categories, has been further endorsed as winners of the Education Business Awards 'Outstanding Progress' category. I continue to be proud of the relentless hard work and dedication of staff in supporting students to have an excellent educational experience at Pleckgate.



What makes Pleckgate unique is that our success is not just our academic achievement. The students' commitment to extra-curricular and charity activities demonstrates hard work and endeavour, and continues to support our values as a school. Students have also participated in a wide range of visits and experiences including trips abroad, outdoor pursuit reward trips, multiple entries into national competitions and curriculum enhancement experiences outside school; all of these experiences allow us to develop more confident young people who have high aspirations and ambitions.

Our successes continue outside the classroom and we are all very proud of our two teams consisting of Mya Benjamin and Lucy Webster from Year 8 and Petra McClernon and Nadia Siddiq of Year 9, who took part in the Reg Johnson Cookery Competition run by Blackburn College. Our Year 7 girls also enjoyed huge success in the STEM competition 'Race for the Line', reaching the national finals. Whether it be the school's sporting triumphs, inter-faith days, the school production of 'Joseph' or visiting authors, it is clear that life at Pleckgate has never been as full of fantastic enrichment opportunities for our students. If you want to read more about the numerous events that have run this year, please visit the school website at <http://www.pleckgate.com/latest/>



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It also gives me great pleasure to announce that after a thorough and challenging process we have appointed our new Year 11 student leadership team; Aliza Ebrahim (Head Girl), Amaan Khan (Head Boy), Fatima Ali (Deputy Head Girl) and Haris Ellahi (Deputy Head Boy). After a rigorous selection process including student assemblies, staff presentations, votes and interview, it is fair to say that all the candidates performed admirably. Just a couple of weeks ago our new student leadership team spoke passionately about their experiences at Pleckgate to our new, oversubscribed Year 7 cohort. Students enjoyed an action packed day at Pleckgate followed by an opportunity for parents to come into school and familiarise themselves with the community their children will be part of for the next five years.

As Headteacher, I believe in high expectations for every student and will never settle for anything less. Please continue to support the school by re-enforcing respect for our school ethos with your child over the summer break, particularly the importance of high standards of attendance, punctuality, uniform and behaviour. Please note that all students should attend school wearing the correct school uniform including blue trousers or blue skirt with the school logo. Black trousers are not acceptable.

It is important that we are able to maintain excellent communication with parents and, as we are now a paperless school, please provide the school with your correct email address and contact details to ensure you receive all important messages and updates through the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my most sincere thanks to all students, parents and staff who have supported the school this year and wish everyone a restful summer break. We will be welcoming all students back to school on **Tuesday 3rd September**, with our new Year 7 students starting at 8:20am followed by **all other year groups at 11.00am.**

Yours sincerely



Mark Cocker

Please find below a summary of key events that every parent needs to be aware of in the last week.

Date	Event	Points to note
w/c Monday 15 th July	Achievement Assemblies	All year groups involved
Monday 15 th July	Year 7 & 8 Sports Day	Students involved to bring PE kit
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 9 & 10 Sports Day	Students involved to bring PE kit
Friday 19 th July	School Closes	School will close at 12:10pm for all students