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Dear Parents/Carers.

As we draw to the end of another year at Pleckgate High School, I wanted to share with you some of the highlights of the year as well as important information for the start of the new term in September. Please see a link <u>here</u> to our end of year newsletter which showcases the achievements and experiences of pupils.

Our school community has much to be proud of, this term has seen the conclusion of GCSE Examinations and we look forward to welcoming our Year 11 pupils for the results on Thursday 21st August and celebrating with them. We have recently celebrated the outstanding success of our end-of-year production, 'Annie' which showcased the talent and dedication of our pupils well supported by a creative team of staff. Our sports teams have also achieved great endeavour this year, particularly our cricket, rounders, football, and netball teams. These achievements reflect not only athletic success but also the values of commitment and teamwork. Additionally, our sports days brought our school community together in celebration of healthy competition between tutor groups. The enthusiasm and participation from all year groups made these events a memorable occasion for everyone.

This week, we held our end-of-year achievement assemblies to recognise and celebrate the academic progress of pupils across all subjects and year groups. These assemblies have also provided an important opportunity to acknowledge personal development and leadership qualities demonstrated by pupils in all aspects of school life. We also celebrate the appointment of our new senior prefect team Hamza Hussain and Yasssin Abdelrahman as Head and Deputy Head Boy respectively and Aisha Hussain and Aamna Sethi as Head and Deputy Head Girl. They will be outstanding representatives of our school community and role models for younger pupils.

I would also like to say thank you and good luck to some important members of our team who are leaving us this year. Miss Parkinson from Technology, Mr Whalley and Mr Singh from Computer Science, Miss Bland from English, Mr Cater for Religion and World Views, Mr Higgins from Science, Miss Sim from PE and Mrs Connell from MFL. We are grateful for their service and wish them well in the future.

We are delighted to welcome new members of staff to Pleckgate. Mr Mitson and Miss Loonat in English, Mrs Williams in Technology and Business, Miss Bibi in Religion and World Views and Mr Patel in Science. We also welcome Mr Case in the role of Assistant Headteacher and a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

First Day Arrangements for Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Please note the important arrangements for the return to school on Tuesday 2nd September 2025. Year 7 will be the first-year group to start school at 8.20am with the rest of the school returning at breaktime at 10.50am. Pupils will receive their timetables, spend some time with their form tutor before starting lessons.





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I have shared a letter with important information regarding uniform, equipment and standards at school, see this link <u>here</u> for a copy of the letter. Please read this information carefully and discuss this with your child so that your child is clear of our expectations. Attendance is very important, we expect every child to attend every day on time at 8.20am every morning and we value your support in helping your child maintain this standard.

We have also shared information with parents regarding our expectations for revision and independent study over the summer break. Year 10 pupils will be taking their first set of mock examinations in the week commencing Monday 22nd September. All pupils have been provided with revision materials from their class teachers and we value parents' support in providing a quiet revision space to help your child be well prepared for these important examinations. Pupils should be following a revision timetable every day of the summer break.

Finally, <u>attached</u> for your information is a Newsletter from the Mental Health Support Team of Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust. This document offers support and advice for children's wellbeing over the summer and details events which are happening over the summer break in our local area.

I would like to thank parents for their continuous support during the academic year as we work in partnership to help your child achieve their full potential.

I look forward to meeting you in the new academic year and wish you and your family an enjoyable summer holiday.

Best wishes

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