



21st July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your family are well. We are delighted to have achieved another successful year at Pleckgate with lots of successes for pupils, many of which are shared with you in the [school newsletter](#). I also include for your information our [careers newsletter](#), which I hope you find of interest.

We are very proud of the progress pupils have made at Pleckgate. Our Year 11 pupils completed their GCSE Examinations in the summer term and worked extremely hard during their revision. We look forward to sharing their successes with them on results day on 24th August. Year 10 pupils have made a good start towards their final year at school, they have welcomed our new Year 7 pupils and parents, attended Blackburn College for taster days, participated in mock interviews and prefects and the senior prefect team have been appointed after a very rigorous selection process. Year 9 have made their option choices and are ready to begin their GCSEs in September. Many pupils in Year 9 have represented the school in sport and the Duke of Edinburgh Award, whilst raising money for our local charities. Year 8 pupils have been involved in the Eco Club, residential visits for Geography and have also had success in football, cricket and netball. Year 7 pupils have made an excellent start to life at secondary school, with visits to the theatre to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, as well as attending rewards trips and taking part in our annual sponsored Readathon to raise money for those less fortunate.

We have also spent a lot of time developing reading in school and have our Tutor Read Aloud programme in place as well as a refurbished library which has been restocked with a wide variety of exciting texts, something for everyone to choose from. Please take the time during the holidays to support your child with their reading and discuss books they are interested in. Regular reading for at least 15 minutes every day is proven to be the most effective way of supporting your child's learning and academic progress. Year 10 pupils have also been set summer homework by their class teachers, this is to help your child address any gaps in their knowledge so they are well prepared for the next stage of their GCSEs in September. Please ensure that your child has a quiet place to work and is not distracted by their mobile phone or social media whilst studying.

On behalf of all of the Pleckgate High School staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year. Once again, we are an oversubscribed school and we will be welcoming 270 new pupils to join us in Year 7 in September. We will also host our annual Open Evening and Open Morning which take place on **Thursday 7th September and Saturday 9th September** respectively. Many of your children will be involved in this event and will be able to share their experiences of Pleckgate High School with prospective parents and pupils. We look forward to welcoming you to either event if you have children who may be joining us next year.



We return to school on **Monday 4th September 2023**. Year 7 will be in school at 8.20am and each year group will arrive by 11am. It is essential that every child attends school to receive their timetable, meet their tutor and attend an assembly so they are well prepared for the first full week of school. Pupils will also attend lessons on the first day, so should arrive in school with the correct equipment for learning.

Just a reminder about standards of uniform and punctuality. Information about our school uniform and our suppliers can be found on our school website, click [here](#) . Pupils must wear the full and correct uniform including blue school trousers or skirt, black shoes, not trainers and should bring a blue or black coat to wear outside if the weather is cold. Pupils must not wear any jewellery, including earrings or nose studs, and no extreme haircuts are acceptable. Pupils should also arrive at school by 8.20am at the latest, so they are ready to meet their tutors and prepare for the day ahead. I would like to thank you for your support in working together to maintain high standards in school.

I have also included a [link](#) to our safeguarding information which provides details of all the agencies and services that are available during the summer, whilst school services cannot be accessed. Information about how children can access support, has been shared with all pupils via their year group google classroom. Additionally, information from the BwD school nursing team has been shared. This is aimed at year 9, however, it contains useful information which all pupils may find to be helpful.

I wish you a good summer and look forward to welcoming your children to school in September.

Best wishes

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Headteacher