



# Frequently Asked Questions Parental Advice and Guidance

## **Will parents and carers be able to meet the Headteacher and Form Tutors before my child starts school?**

There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with Senior Leaders, Head of year 7 and other key pastoral staff in at least two induction events prior to your child joining us in September.

## **What uniform will my child need and is there any support in purchasing this?**

We have a range of new school uniform items available for pupils. We are able to support families who may require assistance with uniforms. A full list of the school uniform including PE kit can be found on our school website under 'Our school'. Pleckgate High School uniform can be purchased from either Grays, 68 Northgate, Blackburn: 01254 51425 or Whittakers, 20-26 Church Street, Blackburn: 01254 676047 or The School Uniform Company, Unit 1, River Street, Blackburn Tel: 01254 658787. Please note:

## **What equipment should I purchase for my child?**

We expect each child to be organised and prepared for learning by having the following equipment with them each day: a pen, a pencil, a ruler, a scientific calculator and a geometry set. Individual subject areas will provide guidance on other specialist equipment required once pupils start school. Please see below for details on the school iPad.

## **Will I be provided with an iPad and how much does this cost?**

All pupils at Pleckgate High School are provided with an iPad for home learning. Pupils in year 7 are usually provided with an iPad during the first half term as all parents are invited to a briefing session when more advice and guidance is provided. There is usually a small charge to cover insurance for the iPad in case of loss or damage. More details will follow once school is open.

## **Who is the Head of Year 7 and how much contact will I have?**

We are very proud of our pastoral care which has been recognised as a strength of our school. Each year group has a Head of Year and your child will be allocated to a form tutor who they will see every day for twenty minutes. The details of your child's form tutor will be shared with you in July.

## **What are the timings of the school day?**

We expect all pupils to be in the school building by 8.20am ready for tutor time which starts at 8.30am. All pupils are welcome to use our breakfast club, which is open to them starting at 7.30am every morning.