



19<sup>th</sup> September 2018

HEADTEACHER: Mrs H L Millett

Dear parents and carers,

As we start the new academic year, it is a pleasure to report that Stokesley School students achieved some fantastic results in the recent GCSE and A-Level examinations. Once again, a significantly higher than average number of A-Level students secured first choice placements at Russell Group universities, including two students who have commenced courses at Cambridge. Students in Y11 - and early entry Y10 students - also achieved well including a significant number of top grade 9s - 3% greater than the national average. Once examination data is published nationally and regionally, the school's overall GCSE results may look lower than previous years; this is because – some time ago – the school decided to continue with a curriculum model that means, for this year only, some student results will not count in the national league tables. However, the important thing is that the results **do** count for the students themselves and they are all going on to exciting new stages in their lives, including studying at our superb sixth form.

As a staff, we are looking forward to the year ahead: we have changes to embed and almost 1200 students to support through their education. It's been a wonderful start to the year with the whole building brought alive again by a multitude of energetic young people. A highlight in the first two weeks has been the scarecrow making competition which helped tutor groups bond as teams, as well as provide the school with (hopefully) the winning entry for Stokesley Show!

As well as warmly welcoming you to the new year, I would also like to take the opportunity to remind/update you about one or two things:

### **Home-School Communication**

Please can you make sure the school has up-to-date e-mail addresses and mobile phone numbers for all contacts: we increasingly use text messages, in particular, as a method of communication so having the right number on file is crucial. If your telephone number or e-mail address has changed or you are not sure if we have the right one, please contact [j.hargreave@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:j.hargreave@stokesleyschool.org) with the updated information.

You have been sent separate information about the new planner; this is also an effective method of communication. You can use the planner to write notes for the attention of your child's form tutor and/or their teachers.

Being able to e-mail teachers and other staff directly is a real benefit for parents in the modern age, but please can I politely remind parents of the timeframe within which they can expect an answer. All staff have demanding workloads and parts of their day which simply do not allow them to check and respond to e-mails so we do ask that you allow two working days before chasing a response. Clearly, if there is an urgent request or safeguarding concern, you should ring the school and make it clear you need to speak to someone directly.

### **Safeguarding**

The new fencing around the field is almost complete – we are just awaiting a gate to go next to the Youth Club allowing pedestrian access to the fields. This means the site will soon be totally secure, protecting staff and students during the working day as well as the buildings and grounds outside of normal working hours.

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## Uniform

Thank you to the hundreds of families in main school who have sent their children to school in full uniform looking smart and ready to learn - we appreciate your support. We are aware that some families experienced frustration with the supplier over the holidays and we will be reviewing this with School Shop in the coming weeks. If you continue to have any questions regarding uniform, please refer to the 'Frequently Asked Questions' document that has been added to the uniform section of the website in the first instance.

## Upcoming events this term

**Thursday 4 October:** Open Evening for parents of Y6 students - 5.30pm, Main Hall (Headteacher talks at 5.45pm and 6.45pm)

**Friday 5 October:** Training day (no students in school)

**Thursday 18 October:** Y13 Parents' Evening - 4.00pm

**Tuesday 6 November:** Sixth Form Open Evening - 6.30pm

**Monday 12 November:** Y11 Exam week

**Wednesday 5 December:** Y11 Parents' Evening - 4.00pm

**Thursday 13 December:** Y10 Parents' Evening - 4.00pm

I wish you well for the term ahead.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Millett

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