

July 2017

Headteacher: Mr S Haigh BSc

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the school year I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some important information and dates.

Rich Experience (Monday 17th – Tuesday 18th July)

During these days pupils will be engaged in a wide-ranging set of activities that will broaden their skills and experience beyond the normal curriculum. Unless otherwise advised pupils should attend in school uniform.

End of School Year Arrangements

The school closes on Friday 21st July. Pupils will leave school at the end of Period 4 (2.05pm). The normal scholars' bus services run as usual (3:05pm). If any pupils need to remain in school there will be supervised areas for them. Please notify your child's Head of Year if this facility is required.

Key Exam / 6th Form Enrolment Dates

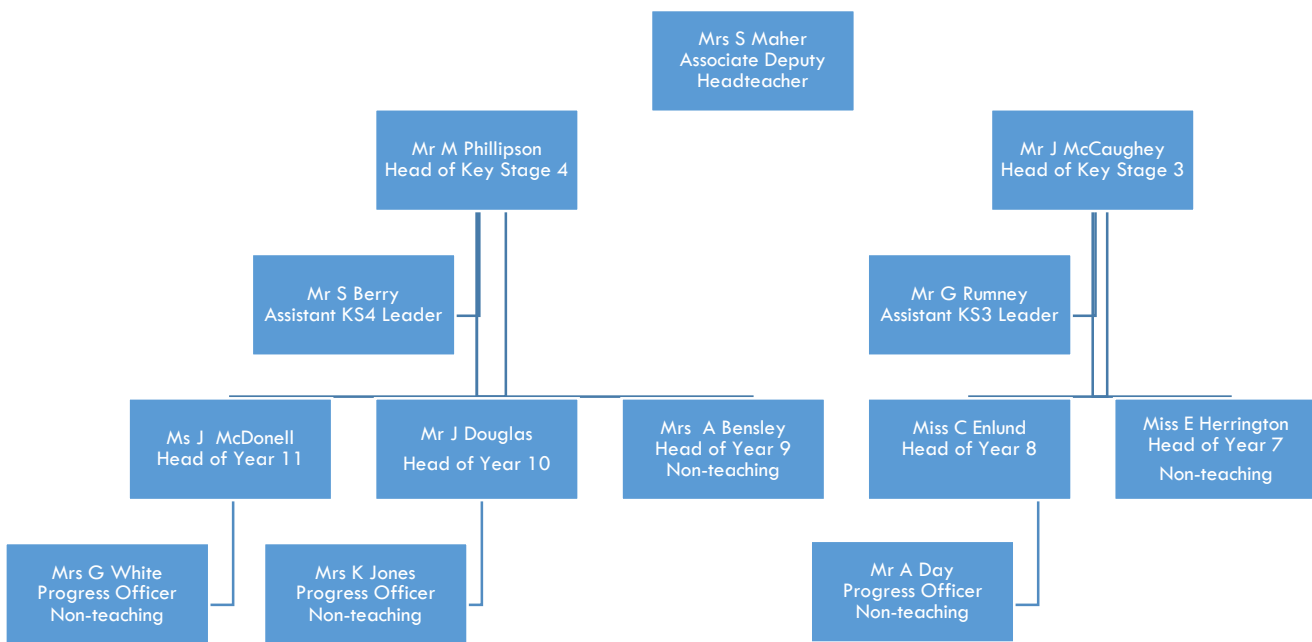
(All taking place within the 6th Form Centre)

A-Level Results Thursday 17 th August 2017	Yr 13 can collect from 8.45am Yr 12 can collect from 10am
GCSE Results Thursday 24 th August 2017	Yr 11 can collect from 8:30am
6 th Form Enrolment Friday 25 th August 2017	From 10am - Midday

September 2017 Arrangements

Monday 4 th September 2017	Staff Training PE Kit & Equipment which has been ordered can be collected from the Sports Hall 9-12
Tuesday 5 th September 2017 Pupils should be at school by 8.35am for the registration bell at 8.40am.	Yr 7 to attend all day Yr 12 to attend 8.40 – 12.00 Yr 13 to attend 11.25 – 3.10 Yr 7 & 12 will have photographs taken which will be available to purchase
Wednesday 6 th September 2017 Pupils should be at school by 8.35am for the registration bell at 8.40am.	School will open as normal for all year groups.

Pastoral Structure for 2017/18



New Timings to the school day

Please note the new timings of the school day:

8.40am Registration bell

8.45am Tutor time starts

9.10am Period 1

10.10am Period 2

11.10 – 11.25am Break time

11.25pm Period 3

12.25 – 1.10pm Lunch

1.10 – 2.10pm Period 4

2.10 – 3.10pm Period 5 (School Improvement Hour every week 2 Tuesday)

INSET 2017/18

INSET days have been calendared for the following dates:

4th September 2017

17th November 2017

19th February 2018

Advance Notice for End / Start of School Year 2018

Please note that, like most Gateshead schools we will break up on **20th July 2018**, and will return on the week beginning **3rd September 2018**. If you have children in other schools you may wish to confirm the holiday dates of those schools, but we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of this information to help with your own planning and to avoid planning holidays in school time.

Parents of Children in Yr 6

For those of you who have children of primary school age, I am aware that it is an important time for making the decision about which is the right school for your child's secondary education. I would like to invite you and any of your friends and neighbours to the following event, at Whickham School and Sports College, to help make that decision:-

Open Evening for parents/carers of Year 6 children

21st September 2017 at 6.00 pm

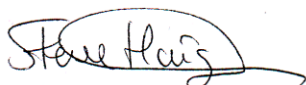
(For children beginning secondary education in September 2018)

This will take place at Whickham School & Sports College.

If you have any queries at all regarding admission to Whickham School & Sports College, please do not hesitate to contact Mr John McCaughey (Head of Key Stage 3) or Mrs Lisa Petrie (Office Administrator Admissions). Enquiries regarding Sixth Form enrolment should be directed to Miss S Tumelty (Head of Sixth Form).

May I finally take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of Whickham School and Sports College. I hope that all of our pupils thoroughly enjoy their break over summer and return safely in September, feeling refreshed and ready to enjoy the next academic year.

Yours sincerely



Steve Haigh
Headteacher