

July 2018

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 16th – Tuesday 17th 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 20th July. Pupils will leave school at the end of Period 4 (2.10pm). The normal scholars' bus services run as usual (3.10pm). 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/Sixth Form Enrolment Dates

(All taking place within the Sixth Form Centre)

A-Level Results Thursday 16 th August 2018	Yr 13 can collect from 8.45am
GCSE Results Thursday 23 rd August 2018	Yr 11 can collect from 8.30am
Sixth Form Enrolment Friday 24 th August 2018	From 10am – Midday

September 2018 Arrangements

Monday 3 rd September 2018	Staff Training PE Kit which has been ordered can be collected from the Sports Hall between 9-12
Tuesday 4 th September 2018 Pupils should be at school by 8.35am for the registration bell at 8.40am.	Yr 7 to attend all day Yr 11 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 5 th September 2018 Pupils should be at school by 8.35am for the registration bell at 8.40am.	School will open as normal for all year groups. Yr 10 will have photographs taken which will be available to purchase.

Please ensure that pupil equipment packs are full and ready for the start of term. Items of equipment can be bought using class charts points via the reward store. Alternatively please note that equipment can be replenished during the school year at a competitive price from the school's Finance Office.

Basic items students require	Items supplied by school (Free of charge)
Compass Eraser Pens (1 black, 1 green) Pencil Pencil sharpener Protractor Green, Blue, Amber and Red highlighters Coloured pens or pencils Clear pencil case Whiteboard cleaning cloth Ruler	Whiteboard pen Post it pad Index/ Flash cards Blue spelling exercise book

The planners are a requirement for all pupils and the cost to parents for the planner has been reduced to £5. Payment for the planner can be made by using the school's online payment system, ParentPay. Alternatively, a cash payment or cheque (payable to "Whickham School" with your child's name, tutor group written on the back) can be made to the Finance Office.

Pastoral Structure for 2018/19

Please see the diagram accompanying this letter which highlights the key staff in our pastoral structure.

INSET 2018/19

INSET days have been calendared for the following dates:

- 3rd September 2018
- 16th November 2018
- 7th January 2019

Advance Notice for End / Start of School Year 2019

Please note that, like most Gateshead schools we will break up on **19th July 2019**, and will return on the week beginning **2nd September 2019**. 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 Primary Schools

For those of you who also 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 events, at Whickham School and Sports College, to help make that decision:-

Open Evening for parents/carers of Year 6 children

20th September 2018 at 6.00 pm

(For children beginning secondary education in September 2019)

Open Evening for parents / carers of Year 4 & 5 children

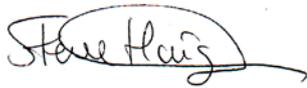
10th October 2018 at 6:00pm

(For children beginning secondary education in September 2020 & 2021)

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Haigh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Haigh
Headteacher