



CARLTON

KEIGHLEY

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of the academic year, I wanted to write out to families to thank them for your continued support this year.

This year has been another positive 12 months for the school as we continue to go from strength-to-strength. In March, the school was awarded 'World Class' status for its commitment to holistic education and personal development; we are one of only 120 schools in the country with this amazing accolade, and one of the only non fee paying schools to be acknowledged in this way. The school was also this year the recipient of both national and local education awards, receiving a Gold Award at the Pearson National Teaching Awards for Learning Support Assistant of the Year, and receiving a special commendation in the Bradford Education Awards for School of The Year.

All of these successes continue to positively impact the school's enhanced reputation in the community. For the first time in our history we are now oversubscribed for new admissions, with more families wanting to attend school than we have places for. This is a phenomenal achievement.

This positive reputation ultimately comes from the students themselves, who are fantastic role models and champions for our school. Their commitment to achieving **excellence** is at the heart of our achievements as a school.

Successes this Year:

In line with our core values of **ambition, resilience and respect**, our students this year have achieved some incredible successes. We were proud of Year 11 students for how they approached the challenges of external exams, and we wish them all the success they deserve in the summer. Year 7 have made an incredible start to their time at Carlton Keighley; they have adapted quickly to our culture of high expectations. Across all year groups, it has been great to see the **Carlton Edge** programme become a core part of our offer in school, with more students than ever accessing educational trips, wider curricular experiences and after-school activities. We recently held our Year 9 Graduation and it was amazing to see so many students graduating having achieved excellence through their **ambitious** attitude to their learning and **resilience** in facing new challenges. This month's focus on our core value of **respect** through celebrating diversity has been an excellent end to the year, and it has been great this term to see the dining area brightened up with the flags of all the different nationalities and communities represented in our diverse school.

Parental Engagement:

One of our priorities this year has been to improve our engagement with families. It has been fantastic to welcome so many families into school this year, either at parents' evening or events such as our parental drop-ins and the Year 9 Graduation. We always appreciate families taking time out of their busy days to engage with the school. One of the ways we have engaged families this year is through the setting up of the Parents' Forum, to give parents an opportunity to have their voices heard in school. We are hoping to recruit more members to this forum for next year; please let the school know if this is something you would be interested in.

Changes to the Academic Day:

One big change for next year is that the timings of the academic day will be extended to maximise opportunities for student learning. School will continue to be open to pupils from 8:00am and we expect pupils on site from 8:25am, at the latest, to begin lessons at 8:30am. The school day will now run until 3:20pm from Monday-Thursday, and 1:40pm on a Friday. After-school enrichment activities will run until 4:00pm on Monday-Thursday, and 2:20pm on a Friday.

Attendance:

It has been fantastic to see so many students with high attendance this year. It is essential that all students continue to attend school every day; high attendance is a key indicator for academic success and student wellbeing, and we want all students to be accessing education every day so they do not miss out on some of the fantastic opportunities we will be offering to students both in the core curriculum and Carlton Edge.

Return to School in September:

The new school year starts on **Monday 4th September**. This will be the first day for all year groups, though we will stagger start times for certain year groups, with Year 7 & Year 11 arriving in school from 8am and Year 8, 9 & 10 arriving from 10:45am. We will write to you over the summer break to further confirm details. We expect all students to arrive at school on this date, 100% ready to learn and in full uniform.

It has, as always, been a great pleasure to serve the school as Head of School this year. As someone who has been on the school's journey of improvement over the years, I am incredibly proud of how the school has grown, and the successes we have achieved together with the students and families of our community.

Have a safe and relaxing summer break.

Mark Turvey
Head of School