



CARLTON

KEIGHLEY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of another busy but productive school year, I would like to take the opportunity to write home to all families to thank them for their continued support in ensuring the school is achieving our mission of **Excellence for All** and allowing all pupils in our community to thrive and become the best version of themselves.

Successes this Term:

As always, this year has seen some incredible achievements for our young people, both individually and as a collective. These successes are underpinned by our core values of **ambition, resilience and respect**; students who are regularly displaying these values are making incredible contributions to our community and helping to build a culture of excellence.

Some of my own highlights from this year have included:

- The recent Year 9 Carlton Edge graduation ceremony, including the fantastic performance by our qawwali group and recognition for our first ever cohort of Duke of Edinburgh students.
- Year 10 having an amazing half-term showing themselves to be Year 11-ready, successfully completing PPE exams, careers workshops and other activities which show their ambition for next year.
- The school performing arts showcase, a wonderful expression of our school's commitment to creativity and allowing students space to express themselves
- Year 7 becoming a fully-fledged part of our school community, making fantastic contributions to school life.
- Our sports leadership team showcasing our school values by supporting other local primary schools at their sports day events.
- Pupils from across all year groups have shown great resilience in participating in Carlton Edge trips to a range of locations including: Malham, York and Lytham St Annes.

This is the tip of the iceberg with regards to some of the fantastic things that have been achieved by our pupils this year, both in school and outside of school. This is in addition to the high standards of academic work and behaviour and engagement that goes on in classrooms every day, showcasing the excellent habits our students hold.

Lunchtime Changes:

As many families will be aware, our school community has grown significantly over the past three years. This is a fantastic indicator of the school's increased reputation for high standards, and the level of trust the community places in us. These increased pupils' numbers do however mean we have to think carefully about logistics and organisation in school.

Following feedback from staff, students and parents, we will be making some small amendments within the school day and extending lunchtime for students to 30 minutes; this is to allow students increased time to manage themselves through lunchtime with ample opportunity to: eat, use toilet facilities and get a proper break between learning. School start and end times will remain the same.

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The increased cost of materials continues to impact on pricing in the school canteen. We always endeavour to keep prices as low as possible to support students accessing a healthy offer of food each day. However, we also have to manage the reality of raising prices, and as such from September the cost of a meal deal will be increasing to £2.50. In line with this, the amount given to students of free school meals daily will also increase to the same amount to reflect this. We apologise for the impact this may have on families.

Arts and Creativity:

Over the past few years, we have invested considerable resources in broadening our curriculum to include an increased focus on the arts, dance and music. It therefore gives me great pleasure to announce that this term we have been awarded the Silver Arts Mark by the British Arts Council for our commitment to creativity in education. I would like to thank all students for their contributions to the curriculum in art, dance and music; it is the fantastic standard of their work that has secured us this prestigious award

Return to School in September:

School will reopen for the new academic year for all students on Tuesday 3rd September; as in previous years, we will stagger starts for students, with Year 11 and Year 7 students starting in school from 8am for an 8:30am start, and students in Years 8-10 joining us from 10:45am for an 11:10am start. A reminder also to parents of students in this year's Year 11 that GCSE results will be available to collect on Thursday 22nd August from 9:30am-10:30am.

The Importance of Community:

Alongside the successes outlined above, this school year has presented many challenges for students, families and staff members. It is heartwarming to see the ways in which our community comes together and draws strength and solace in each other during these difficult times. I would like to thank everyone for the respect, compassion and kindness they have shown to each other throughout the course of this year.

After nearly 13 years as a member of staff here at school, it remains the greatest privilege of my career to lead this school and serve this community. I take great pride in the successes we have achieved together this year.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Mark Turvey
Head of School