



8th September 2017

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you have all had a restful and peaceful summer break.

It has been lovely to see the children returning for the new school year and we especially welcome our new Year 7 cohort who after a series of successful induction activities in July, joined us at the start of this term happy, smiley and settled. We are delighted that yet again so many parents have preference Wetherby High School and are citing our academic success and strong pastoral care as the reason they want their child to join our school community.

Similarly, it has been a real pleasure to see so many of last year's Year 11 students return as members of our sixth form into Year 12. I look forward to seeing them thrive as they engage with the challenging and varied curriculum of not only their Post 16 academic studies but also the leadership, volunteering, life skills and wider programme of study they access as a sixth former at WHS to prepare them for university and future pathways.

We are so proud of the achievements of our GCSE and Post 16 cohorts this summer. At GCSE, we saw yet again an increase in the number of children not only meeting targets but exceeding them, generating a fourth year of improvement in progress for our school. In maths 70% of all GCSE students attained their GCSE and 76% attained their English qualification – both above the national averages for students gaining grade 4 and above.

68% of all students attained a C grade or above in Core and Additional Science with an impressive 100% pass rate for those students selecting to study Physics, Chemistry and Biology as three separate sciences.

Yet again, our relentless commitment to a broad and enriching curriculum for our students saw many areas achieve levels of excellence with 100% pass rate in PE, 89% pass rate in Art and Design, 100% pass rate in music and 84% pass rate in Food Technology.

Likewise at Post 16, the school has attained a positive value added score demonstrating that students are successful in attaining their target, with many exceeding. We had a record number of A* and A grades in some of the most challenging subjects such as Chemistry, mathematics, Physics and Biology. A superb 98% of all students gained their choice of university with one student achieving the notable accomplishment of three A* grades and securing their place at Oxford to read Chemistry.

These results represent the hard work of the children and the staff, as well as the support of you as families. It is a privilege for us to see the many opportunities open to our students and to watch them go out into the world well equipped with not only high levels of academic accreditation but also as well rounded, articulate, confident individuals. We wish all our exiting students the very best for the future.

The new academic year has started busily and positively. Your child will be receiving the Flexible Learning offer of our extensive range of extra-curricular activities so please do encourage them to access this provision.

It is good to see the children returning looking smart and ready for learning and your continued support with ensuring your child adheres to the correct and high standard of uniform is appreciated.

Attendance is an integral part of a student's success and we thank all families for supporting our insistence that students attend school every day and on time.

Key Dates:

Wetherby Activities Day 2017

The Education Trust for Wetherby is hosting a 'Wetherby Activities Day 2017' on Saturday 9th September (10.00am-3.00pm) at Wetherby High School. The event will exhibit a wealth of leisure activities available in the town. Please view the school website for further details.

Open Evening

We will be holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 27th September 2017 (6.00pm-8.00pm) for pupils looking to join Year 7 in 2018. This event is particularly aimed at pupils who have just entered their final year at Primary School and would like to apply to attend Wetherby High School in September 2018. If you know of anyone thinking of joining our school next year, please encourage them to visit us on the above date.

13 th September	Post 16 Progress evening/UCAS Y13 evening
20 th September	Y11 Progress evening
27 th September	Open evening
18 th October	Meet Your Coach Day
20 th October	School closes for half term
30 th October	School re-opens

We look forward to continuing to work with the young people and see them flourish and develop throughout another successful academic year.

Finally, please take a look at our school website which is regularly updated with key information – www.wetherbyhigh.org.uk

Many thanks,



Lucie Lakin
Headteacher