



11th June 2018

Dear Parents,

It is my pleasure to write to you to acknowledge the start of our forthcoming new academic year. Following the staff training day on 25th June, when school will be closed to all students, we will start our new academic year on 26th June. This enables the students and staff to take full advantage of the post-examination season and begin their new school year's studies, setting up a platform for accelerated progress following the summer break after which we return for the autumn term already established in our new year groups and classes.

It is a good opportunity to revisit with your child our basic expectations; punctuality, uniform and equipment. Students are all expected to be at school before the start of the school day, in full uniform and carrying a school bag and to ensure that they have the correct equipment for them to access their studies successfully in all lessons. Stationery is available to purchase from student reception, as are additional House ties.

We are significantly proud of how all our students sitting external examinations this summer have tackled these robust and challenging assessments. Large numbers of students accessed the additional support provided after school hours, at weekends and over the half term break and the students continue to take advantage of all the pre-examination revision support offered.

The Year 13 students are gathering for their 'leavers' party' later this month and additionally the Year 11 students have organised their 'Prom party' following the completion of the exams, and we look forward to seeing the photographs from both these exciting events.

Year 10 students have spent the final fortnight of this academic year attending their work experience placements. This valuable opportunity has frequently led to additional part time employment for those attending, as well as opportunities for students to explore in more depth various careers and vocations.

The past academic year has been a successful one for the school and students and we continue to be proud of the many achievements of our young people, encouraged by the positive feedback we so frequently receive from parents and from the community. The new academic year offers an opportunity for students to build on their previous successes and take advantage of the various academic and extra-curricular activities that will be offered. Flexible Learning and Home Learning activities will be re-issued at the start of the new academic year and we very much look forward to welcoming you at our first Meet Your Coach Day of the new academic year on Wednesday 11th July.

We currently have two parent governor vacancies for which nominations should be returned to WHS by Tuesday 19th June. Both current Parent Governors will be standing for re-election but should you be interested in receiving any information on this, please contact info@wetherbyhigh.co.uk for further information.

The Governing Body would also like to pass on their thanks for the support given to the school over recent months. It has been encouraging to see the passion and appreciation from families placed on our ethos and approach and we excitedly look forward to welcoming another thriving cohort of Year 7 students in the autumn term.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucie Lakin', written in a cursive style.

Lucie Lakin
Headteacher