



10th September 2019

Dear families,

Welcome back to a new term and a warm welcome to new families joining Wetherby High School. We have had a pleasing set of results in at both Post 16 and GCSE and it was a wonderful moment seeing students come into school to collect their hard-earned results in August.

The school's headline figures continue to surpass the national benchmarks, demonstrating the good progress and attainment achieved by our children. At Post 16, all students successfully secured their preferred destination and with a quarter of all grades attained at A*-B level, the opportunities were wide ranging and numerous for our young people.

At GCSE, yet again we saw exceptionally strong performances in English and maths with 84% and 76% respectively passing these tough 9-1 GCSE examinations. Children performed well across the board with some particular highlights in Biology, Physics and Chemistry, as well as French, Art, Drama, Geography and Food Technology demonstrating the breadth and depth of curriculum and achievement at our school.

The character, confidence and personal skills developed our children, coupled with a sense of community and responsibility as well as a strong set of academic qualifications means that they embark on their next exciting pathway well equipped for a successful future. Well done to all our children and the families who have supported them. We look forward to hearing about your successes in the future!

Our Year 7 induction programme started back in July when children were given multiple opportunities to visit the school and participate in our induction's days and sports days. Additionally, a significant number of new Year 7 pupils joined our summer school programme along with children in Year 8 and Year 9, ensuring that their first week at high school has gone smoothly and successfully with familiar friendly faces all round.

I am delighted to inform you the school continues to grow and develop, with several other schools and organisations eager to work with us around our inclusive and restorative approaches to securing outstanding personal development, behaviour and welfare. We also are proud to continue our working partnership with Carr Manor Community School as we look ahead at exciting future opportunities to collaborate and strengthen our offer for our children.

Following our most recent positive Ofsted inspection, we have developed our post 16 offer and strengthened our working relationship with St Aidan's and St John Fisher's Associated Sixth Form in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. This exciting new partnership has paved the way for students studying GCSEs at WHS to be able to continue their Post 16 studies at this outstanding provision in Harrogate, with a personalised pathway offered to all WHS students fulfilling necessary course requirements.

This opportunity will ensure that students studying at WHS are able to access the broadest possible range of academic Post 16 opportunities in an establishment that mirrors and reflects our own outstanding commitment to personal development, well-being and individual student success. Students will be able to visit and work with the Associate Sixth Form throughout their Key Stage 4 studies, ensuring that they have a detailed understanding of the wide suite of courses and qualifications on offer and the pathway to 'A levels' and beyond.

WHS will continue to offer a range of specialist subjects at post 16. Additionally, students wishing to access further opportunities at specialist providers or colleges located in Leeds city, will also be able to benefit from our strong post 16 relationships with Notre Dame Sixth Form College, York College and Leeds City College.

Student's bursaries and support with additional transport costs will be available through application and criteria selection.

The Governing Body and I are also pleased to inform you that as part of the development of our leadership capacity and outward-facing work, Samantha Jefferson will be undertaking the role of Head of School, ably supported by Gareth King and Jeanette Wilson in their roles as Deputy Heads of School and Mark Grant as Assistant Headteacher, ensuring that the day to day core business of the school continues to go from strength to strength.

We look forward to welcoming a new wave of families into our school at our Open Evening event this September and as always very much look forward to meeting up with our current families at our Meet Your Coach Day on 23rd October.

I am sure you will agree that this is an exciting and positive phase of the school's development as we become a leading establishment for inclusive, all round education.

Key dates:

11 th September	Y11 Information Evening 6 – 8pm
11 th September	Ski Residential Meeting
20 th September	Y11 DofE Practice
25 th September	Open Evening – 6pm - 8pm
26 th September	Y8 Trip – Yorkshire Sculpture Park
9 th October	KS3 Winter Sports Day
10 th October	Y11 Trip – Fountains Abbey
11 th October	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
w/c 14 th October	Y13 Examinations
w/c 21 st October	Y10 Examinations (EBacc)
23 rd October	Meet Your Coach Day
25 th October	Half Term
4 th November	New Term

Thank you for your ongoing support,



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Executive Headteacher