

23rd July 2024

End of term letter with September start times

Dear parent/carer,

As we come to the end of another school year, we can once again look back with great pride on what has been achieved. Our students have been a credit to you and all of the staff at Tanfield School. They have demonstrated commitment to their learning, each other, and their own development this year and they should be extremely proud. It has been an honour to watch them continue to flourish and we look forward to seeing what great things they can achieve next year.

The direct link between excellent attendance and students' achievement in school means that every day in school counts. It has been fantastic to see the improving attendance of students in all year groups. Our attendance has remained above the local authority and national average and we were recently awarded a certificate for being in the top 10% of schools in the country for our attendance during the spring term. Our behaviour has also continued to be exceptional. We are very proud of our students, who have achieved 2,445,602 positives since September, which is 743,000 more than last year. I believe that this has been down to the way that all members of TeamTanfield have worked together. Without your support, this would not have been possible.

Start times for Thursday 5 September 2024

Whilst September is a few weeks away we want to let you know the start times for each year group on their first day back. Can you please ensure your child turns up to the main entrance on the 5th September at the following times:

Year 7 - 8.40am

Year 8 - 9.30am

Year 9 - 10.20am

Year 10 - 11.10am

Year 11 - 12.00pm

If your child uses the school bus service, and there is no other way to get them to school for the later start, they can arrive at the normal school time of 8.35am and will be housed with their year manager.

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Purchasing School Meals

We will be rolling out our new biometric system in September. Anyone who has **not already** given permission can still do so on the Arbor app.

sQuid - this is where you put the money into your child's account. Balances and purchases will also show on the Squid app, therefore, we will no longer be using the Tali app. Registration emails for sQuid will be issued on 4th September for the new year 7, with all of the information you will need to get set up.

Finally, our reputation as a school with outstanding academic results and great pastoral care continues to grow. We are now fully oversubscribed with a waiting list to get in. This is down to the hard work of students and staff and the outstanding support we get from yourselves as parents and carers. We have come a long way in the last few years; however, we are not going to get complacent. We will continue to work relentlessly to ensure that Tanfield School becomes, and remains, a place that our fantastic students deserve - the best school in Durham and in the top 1% of schools nationally. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all one final time for your tremendous levels of support over the last year.

Our school office will be closed over the summer and our Arbor Parent Portal will be turned off due to scheduled maintenance, if at any point over the six weeks you need to get in touch with us, please use help@tanfieldschool.co.uk

Take care and stay safe,

Mr S Clough Headteacher