



TANFIELD
SCHOOL

HARD WORK | TRUST | FAIRNESS

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Dear parent/ carer,

At Tanfield School, we have many minds but one mission: to get students to attend the best university, or real alternative, succeed in their dream job and thrive in all aspects of their life. We design experiences, a curriculum and systems in order to help each student to be the best version of themselves, prepared for their adult lives and ready to contribute positively to their world.

Tanfield is inclusive and every student is recognised as a unique individual. We develop character through our curriculum and co curricular programmes. We see positive character virtues as being: hard work, trust and fairness. Tanfield students do what it takes for as long as it takes, are honest, have courage and, most importantly, are kind. Tanfield is a team, where every individual's difference is accepted, valued and nurtured.

Through a wide, rich set of experiences, Tanfield students develop acceptance, understanding, respect, confidence and knowledge. They become ready and equipped for their life after Tanfield and have strategies to keep them physically and mentally healthy and safe, including when online. This is as important as their academic achievements.

We want 100% of our young people to benefit from these experiences, so we timetable co-curricular in Years 7-10. Each cycle, they select an elective that allows them to participate in a project that will develop their employability skills, wellbeing and their talents and interests. This could be physical, an opportunity for volunteering or citizenship work or skills based. We proudly partner with skillsbuilder.org and regularly reward progress in speaking, listening, staying positive, aiming high, creativity, problem solving, leadership and teamwork. We hold a Silver Award for this which is recognised nationally and our case study is available to read on the school website. Families can also access the skillsbuilder.org website for ideas and resources to support this development at home.

Students in years 9 and 10 can complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and we have other clubs, activities and opportunities for all young people throughout the year.

In the first co-curricular lesson (currently blank on timetables!) students will choose their electives for cycle 1. This cycle's choices include basketball, football, photography, sign language, Trash to Treasure, budgeting, golf, VEX Robotics, chess and iDEA. New timetables will be available once electives are confirmed. We are sure that they will enjoy whatever they choose and that it will support them towards their dream futures and to thrive in their lives.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Tanfield School.

Yours sincerely,
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