

21<sup>st</sup> July 2023



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Dear parent/carer,

As another academic year draws to a close, 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 a great 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 is pleasing to note the improving attendance of students in all year groups. Our attendance has remained above the local authority and national average and our behaviour has continued to be exceptional. We are very proud of our students who have achieved 1,702,359 positives since September. 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 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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** - 9.20am

**Year 9** - 10.00am

**Year 10** - 11.00am

**Year 11** - 11.40pm

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 8.40am and will be housed with their year manager.

### **Time Change for End of School Day**

The Government is determined that all pupils have the opportunity to achieve their full academic potential. To support this, they are proposing a new minimum expectation on the length of the school week of 32.5 hours by 2024. Therefore, in order to meet this expectation, the school day will finish at 3.10pm when we return in September 2023.

### **Purchasing School Meals**

We are currently in the process of overhauling our school lunch payment system. Whilst this is taking place, any parent/carer who wishes for their child to buy food in school will need to have the following apps installed on their

phones:

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**sQuid** - this is where you put the money into your child's account. Registration emails for sQuid will be issued during the summer with all of the information you will need to get set up.

**Tali** - this shows you all the purchases your child makes and how much money they have remaining on their accounts. Please ensure that there is no outstanding debt on your child's accounts as all monies need to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> August.

We no longer use Weduc, so this app can be deleted.

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 school 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 [enquiries@tanfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tanfieldschool.co.uk).

Take care and stay safe,



Mr S Clough  
Headteacher

