



# Fleetwood High School

A Specialist ICT and Sports College

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we come to an end of a short but busy half term it is an opportunity to look back and forward as we move towards the final half term of the year.

Year 11 GCSE exams are now almost half way completed. There are 2 more weeks of exams when we return on Monday 3 June, with the final exam on Friday 14 June. If you are a parent of a Year 11 student, please make sure they continue to revise at home for these final couple of weeks to make sure they maximise their chances of getting the results they are capable of. The school will be delivering revision sessions in school, Tuesday to Friday of the holidays from 10.00 am until 12 noon as listed below. Please could you ensure your sons and daughters attend these vital sessions. My thanks to the staff who are giving up their holidays to deliver these sessions.

#### Year 11 Half Term revision sessions:

Tuesday 28 May	Science	10 am - 12 noon
Wednesday 29 May	English	10 am - 12 noon
Thursday 30 May	History	10 am - 12 noon
Friday 31 May	Maths	10 am - 12 noon

Equally, we have already commenced mock exams in Year 10 and, in the next few weeks, all year groups will take end of year exams. These are really important steps on the way to GCSE success at the end of Year 11 and it is again crucial that parents encourage their sons and daughters to revise at home before these exams. Year 9 End of Key Stage 3 'SAT' exams commence on Tuesday 4 June and Year 9 will need to be fully prepared for these if they are to graduate to Key Stage 4 in September. BBC Bitesize is a really helpful revision resource, along with 'My Maths'.

The usual huge range of other activities have been taking place over this half term, most notably our fantastic annual school production, this year of 'Beauty and The Beast'. Students and staff worked incredibly hard on this and all who attended were amazed by the level of talent on show. Well done to all involved.

This weekend sees school trips depart to Barcelona, Paris and Winmarleigh. I am sure all involved will have a wonderful experience that they will remember for ever. My thanks to the staff who are giving up their holidays to provide these fantastic opportunities to our young people.

Please could I make parents aware of a couple of significant changes that are upcoming:

- Firstly, after a couple of accidents on the school car park, Eric Wright Facilities Management, who run the school site, have taken the decision that the school gate will be closed, meaning that parents who want to drop off or collect their children will need to do this off the school site. This will put the school in line with other local schools, where cars do not drive on to the premises to drop off/collect and will safeguard our students, parents and staff. This change will take place from **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**.

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- Secondly, a reminder to our Year 8 students that, as has been shared a number of times over the last 18 months, they will need to be wearing the new school uniform from September. This basically involves the tartan skirt/plain blue tie for girls and the tartan tie for boys. S&P Separates on Lord Street, Fleetwood and Bispham Clothing are fully stocked with the new uniform.

I would particularly like to draw parents' attention to two comments from our most recent Ofsted report that we are exceptionally proud of at 'the school with a heart in the town with a heart':

'Pupils describe the school as being 'like a family' and they enthusiastically embrace leaders' promotion of 'the Fleetwood Way'. Pupils typically enjoy lessons and value their respectful relationships with staff. They also appreciate the lengths that the school goes to in order to 'open our eyes' to the range of opportunities beyond the local area.'

'Pupils are adamant that bullying is very rare. Leaders regularly seek pupils' opinions on bullying, and they promote the school's anti-bullying strategy methodically. Pupils say that they understand different types of bullying, such as that which takes place online. They say that, on the rare occasions that bullying does occur, staff deal with it quickly and well.'

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and a huge thank you to Mrs Collister, Head of English, who is leaving us this Friday to move on to be Head of English and MFL at Blackpool Sixth Form College. Mrs Collister has been with us for 11 years and been a fantastic teacher and a strong leader who has carried The English Department forward to make huge progress in the quality of provision and exam results in this area. We thank her for the amazing work and wish her well for her future. Mrs Bell-Fairclough, already an outstanding Head of Year and teacher of English at the school, will move in to the post of Head of English after the holiday.

I look forward to working with our Fleetwood High families over the final half term of the year.

Yours sincerely

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**Headteacher**