



Fleetwood High School
A Specialist ICT and Sports College

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Dear Parent/Guardian

A warm welcome back to the 2019/20 academic year. I hope you all had a good summer and are now refreshed and ready for the challenges of the year ahead. A particular welcome to our Year 7 families. This year we welcome another large intake of 220 students in to our Year 7. The school is now getting close to the point where we are at capacity and it is pleasing that the message about our standards and achievements is now getting out in to the local community. I have spent a good amount of time in Year 7 lessons in their first few days and I can report they have settled well and made a good start. I look forward to working with our Year 7 families over the next five years to ensure the students leave school with the brightest future possible. If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact us. Your first point of contact is your son/daughter's Form Tutor, followed by our Head of Year 7, Mrs McCauley or Assistant Head of Year 7, Mr Bateman.

Year 11 students are now entering in their crucial final two terms of school leading up to their all-important GCSE exams which start next May. Year 11 students need to be working hard, both in and out of school, over the course of the year to make sure they achieve the grades they need to get on to the next stage in their career when they leave us next summer. Parents and families can support by encouraging your children to attend school every day, concentrate and work hard in lessons, complete all homework set and revise at home before tests or exams. This will greatly improve their chances of going on to be successful. This is, indeed, an important message for parents of students in all year groups who will complete tests and exams throughout the course of the year. We will be hosting a **'Help Your Child to Succeed Evening' for Year 11 Parents on Thursday, 26 September at 5pm in the School Hall**. We will share advice and guidance for Year 11 students in their GCSE year.

At Fleetwood High School we take extremely seriously the standard of uniform worn by our students, this is all part of ensuring students take pride in all aspects of school life and of the school having the very highest expectations. A reminder of our expectations, as laid out in our summer 'Highlights' magazine and captured in the school brochure, planner and on our website:

SHOES

Students must wear black shoes that conform to the expectations set out on our website under the headings: Uniform – Correct Footwear Guidelines. Students wearing trainers or boots will be provided with footwear by school.

BLAZERS AND COATS

School blazers are compulsory and must be worn at all times in school. If it is particularly warm, the classroom teacher will give students permission to remove their blazer in the classroom. Outdoor coats must be removed on entry to the school building and must not be worn inside the building at all. A plain blue V neck school jumper may be worn in addition to a blazer when it is cold, but not as an alternative. Hoodies must not be worn at all in school, either under or over a blazer.

PIERCINGS, HAIR COLOUR AND APPEARANCE

Piercings are not allowed. This is equally the case with dyed hair. Hair should be a 'natural' colour. In addition, students should not wear false eyelashes to school or false acrylic nails or coloured nail polishes.

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SKIRTS

The length of skirts should be just above the knee and none should be rolled up at the waist.

Students who contravene uniform regulations will be given an opportunity to put this right and if not, will be supported with their learning in another area of the school. Can I thank parents for their support with making sure our students have the highest standards possible.

MOBILE PHONES

Our policy on mobile phones is extremely clear. If we see it or hear it inside the building, then we confiscate it and the student will get it back at 3pm that day. If repeated, parents will need to collect the mobile phone from school. The only time/place a student may access their phone is at break/lunchtime outside (or in the courtyard when it is raining.) There are no grey areas on this and excuses such as checking the time, etc will not be accepted.

CAR PARK

I wrote to parents some months ago to make you aware that, unfortunately, we have been required to close the school gates before the start/end of the school day and thus parents waiting to collect their sons/daughters must wait on the surrounding streets. This was due to safeguarding concerns and advice from LCC and puts us in line with other LCC secondary school in the local area. I apologise for any inconvenience this has caused and thank parents for supporting us in this matter.

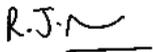
The school will this year continue to communicate important messages to parents via letter, and the Fleetwood Highlights newsletter, however could I also please direct parents' attention to the Fleetwood High School website (www.fleetwoodhs.org.uk) where important information about what is going on in the school can be found. In some cases, it is helpful for the school to send important messages out to parents by text message. In this regard it would be helpful if parents could provide the school office with any changes to mobile phone numbers.

Many parents will already be aware that the school has its own 'Parents' Forum'. This is an informal gathering each half term attended by myself and other key staff from the school. It is an opportunity to find out about different areas of school life as well as to ask questions or raise any concerns you may have. The first meeting of this group will be a **Coffee Morning at 9.30 am until 11 am on Friday 20 September**. The theme will be 'How parents can support their child's learning at home.' All parents/carers are invited to this meeting and it would be good to see as many as possible attend.

Next Monday, 9 September, is an important day for the school as we hold our annual Open Evening when Year 5 and 6 primary students come to visit the school (6.00 pm - 8.30 pm). In common with previous years and other schools, Fleetwood High School students will leave school at 1.15pm on Monday (school lunch will be available for those who require it) and will return at the end of period 1 (9.55 am) on Tuesday to allow the staff to pack away after Open Evening.

I look forward to working with all parents and families over the coming year and I am sure together we will achieve great things for our children.

Yours faithfully



R J Barnes
Headteacher