



2nd September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Term 1 September 2024

Returning to The Holmesdale School as Headteacher after almost two years fills me with great excitement and enthusiasm for the next phase of the school's development. I am once again looking forward to working with our students, their families and the talented and solution focussed team of staff at the school. Special thanks goes to Mr Downey and his leaders for ensuring that the school has grown from strength to strength and has made the school once again the popular choice for children and families in the local area.

As we commence our new academic year, we all look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students, as well as our returning Year 11 and Year 12 students on Tuesday 3rd September. We will ensure that they are well looked after and are supported with their induction to Secondary school and Sixth Form.

A reminder of the arrangements for the start of the academic year:

Tuesday 3rd September - Year 7, 11, 12

- Year 7 timetable distribution and welcome back assembly P1; Hall
- Year 11 timetable distribution and welcome back assembly P1; Gym
- Year 12 timetable distribution and welcome back assembly P4; Library

Wednesday 4th September - All school

Timetable distribution

- P1 - Year 10 (Gym), Year 9 (Hall), Year 8 (Sports Hall)
- All P1 teachers to support in areas above and then return to P1 normal lessons.

Welcome Back Assemblies

- P2 1st half - Year 8
- P2 2nd half - Year 9
- P3 1st half - Year 10
- All assemblies in the hall.
- All year groups in lessons thereafter.

Uniform and Equipment Expectations reminders:

We believe that an excellent uniform is part of setting high academic standards and encourages students' self-confidence. Upon return to school in September students' uniform should be worn correctly both in and out of school. Under no circumstances should false nails, false eyelashes or jewellery be worn. If students arrive at school without the correct uniform at the beginning of the term, they will be asked to rectify the problem if possible and the Student Support Manager (SSM) will make contact with parents to rectify any further issues.

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Students are also expected to be equipped for school with the appropriate stationery. This includes a minimum of two black pens, a green pen, pencil and a ruler.

We look forward to seeing all students over the coming days.

Kind regards,

Mr G Prebble
Headteacher

