

STRIVE - THRIVE - ACHIEVE

8th July 2024

Dear Parents and carers,

As the academic year comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the journey we have had together this year. It has been a year filled with growth, achievements, and memorable moments for our students, staff, and school community as a whole.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my gratitude to our dedicated and passionate staff at Danesgate. Their commitment to providing a nurturing and inspiring learning environment has been instrumental in the success of our students.

To our students, I am incredibly proud of your accomplishments and growth throughout the year. You have shown resilience, creativity, and a thirst for knowledge. Your achievements in academics, sports, arts, and alternative provisions have been truly remarkable. I am confident that you will carry these skills and experiences with you.

I would also like to express my gratitude to all the parents and carers for your continuous support and involvement in your child's education. Your partnership and collaboration with the school have been invaluable. Together, we have created a strong and supportive community that fosters a love for learning and personal development.

Below are some key points to note:

1. INSET Day & first week back- Monday 2nd September 2024:

A reminder that we have an INSET Day on Monday 2nd September, there will be no school for pupils on this day. The remainder of this week will be on a phased return as follows:

- Tuesday 3rd September- Primary: parent meeting and induction day.
- Wednesday 4th September- Primary students return and Key Stage 3 students: parent meeting and induction day.
- Thursday 5th September- key Stage 3 students return and Key Stage 4 students: parent meeting and induction day.
- Friday 6th September- All students returned.

*Bridge/ResPEX students may have a different start date- Key Workers will have coordinated this with parent/carers prior to our September start back. Again any questions or queries regards clarity around this arrangement, please speak with your child's Key Worker.

2. Examinations in Summer 2024:

Results Day is **Thursday 22nd August 2023**. A letter will be sent out highlighting the details on how to collect result along with an allocated appointment time. This is to limit number of visitors on site while we have limited access to the school during the summer holidays. Any queries regarding examinations, please direct to Lynn Henderson, Exams Officer: lynn.henderson@danegate.yorkschoools.net

3. Site Development July to September 2024:

The Bridge and Danesgate building are having urgent repair work to their roof. Both these buildings will not be accessible during the repair work: exam results will be collected from the Skills Centre canteen. Contractors have assured us that the work will be completed by 31st August.

4. Website and school calendar:

Attached to this letter is a summary of our key school calendar dates: please make note of 2024-25 holidays, staff training days and parent review days. The whole school calendar is also available on our website, this obviously carries more detail.

5. Student Photos:

We have had new software installed and will be updating your child's photo on our secure school information management system- Integris. It is a safeguarding requirement that we have a current photo of your child on our system. This will be done during week commencing 2nd September.

6. Farewells, thank you's and welcome:

It is the time of year we do say a fond farewell, goodbye and good luck to staff leaving us across the school at the end of this term. We wish them the best of luck in their retirement, new jobs, or even new careers.

- Judy Probert: Teacher of Language
- Laura McLaughlin: Teacher of English
- Holly Wilcock: Support staff
- Lucy Hale: Support staff
- Estee Guyett: Support staff
- Sam Brewster: ICT technician on an apprenticeship training program- successfully completed.

We will also be welcoming new staff at the start of September; we have made a number of recent appointments. I will be introducing the staff to you early in the Autumn term.

Pete Whelan, our Chair of governors, will also be stepping down from his responsibilities at the end of this academic year after serving and supporting the school for 4 years. He has been a tremendous advocate for Danesgate, and his commitment, expertise and guidance will be missed. The governing body will elect a new chair of governors in their September meeting.

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans and initiatives in store for the next academic year. We will continue to refine our curriculum, explore innovative teaching methods, and strive to provide enriching opportunities for all our students.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer break. Take this time to relax, recharge, and create fond memories with those around you. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new school year, ready to embark on another year of growth and success.

Thank you once again for your support and trust in our school. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our young people.

Best wishes, yours sincerely



Chris Nichols
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