



July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Now we are at the end of the academic year, I can say with great confidence just how proud I continue to be of our fantastic community. Indeed, there is much to be impressed with. There have been too many high points throughout the year to name them all, but some particular highlights include:

- Our first group of students achieving the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Increasing our employer encounters so students can learn about a range of industries to raise their aspirations and link future careers with their learning
- Competing head to head for the first time with other schools with VEX Robotics
- Increasing our range of external visits and workshops to not only enhance the curriculum but to enrich the lives of our students
- Continuing to ensure that our pupils are always **Ready** for learning, **Respectful** of others and **Safe** in all they do.

I do hope that you have enjoyed reading the weekly blog and our Facebook updates, which aim to inform you on a regular basis of the wide range of enrichment and extracurricular events which make Sandhill View an exciting and inspiring place to learn.

Our improvement priorities for the coming year are as follows:

- **Attendance is everyone's business:** All pupils to achieve the highest levels of lesson attendance, so that they are able to learn new material and make progress. We know that just 19 days of lost learning can equate to up to two GCSE grades.
- **Every moment matters:** Provide curriculum continuity for all students, despite staff absence, student absence or SEND needs.
- **Assessment not Assumption:** Use regular assessment strategies to identify and address pupils' misconceptions effectively.
- **Positive Relationships:** Continue to develop restorative practice to ensure positive attitudes for behaviour and learning.

We value our strong relationships with parents and carers and appreciate any constructive feedback you can give which supports us in our drive for everyday excellence. Many parents ask how they can support their child with learning, the answer is very simple: please encourage them to come to school every day and take full advantage of all of the opportunities that they are offered. Encouraging regular opportunities for reading at home also has an incredible impact on learning and progress in all areas of school life.

Please continue to support us by ensuring your child attends school in the full, correct uniform, details of which are attached.

There are three uniform pop-up shops over summer. The first is on 18th July between 10am to 1pm, 1st August between 10am to 1pm and the 15th August between 10am to 1pm. You do not need to make an appointment for these.

Please also find enclosed details of school terms, holidays and teacher training days.

At Sandhill View we firmly believe that every child should have breakfast to start their day properly so we provide a free breakfast for all students every morning. We all know that having a healthy breakfast can help students concentrate more in lessons and can set them up for the day. Our 'family breakfast' is an opportunity for KS3 students to sit down with their tutor groups, enjoy breakfast and build on those pastoral relationships with their tutor that are so important. This is built into their timetable each day. We will continue to offer the normal breakfast club before school for KS4 learners.

From September we will be going cashless. All payments for trips will be made using the iPay system, the same way you would pay for your child's lunch.

FINAL DAY OF TERM – Friday 12th July 2024

Friday 12th July is the final day of this academic year. All students will be dismissed from the school site with a staggered finish from 12 noon (school office closes at 12.30 pm). Due to these arrangements, there will be no hot food served during the lunch period. Packed lunches will be available for collection from the dining hall for all students who receive a free school meal. If you would like to request a packed lunch for your child please contact the school office by Friday 5th July so these can be ordered. Your child can then collect this from the canteen before leaving on the Friday.

SUMMER SCHOOL – for students in year 7 & 8 – Monday 15th to Friday 19th July 2024

If you have booked your child in for the summer school week the day will run from 9am to 3pm and students will need to enter the building via main reception where they will be greeted by a member of staff. The days will consist of a carousel of arts and crafts, sporting activities and a trip to Herrington Park. As they will be taking part in physical activities can you please make sure they dress appropriately and apply sun screen based on the weather as they will be outside at times. They will need to bring a packed lunch as there will be no catering facilities on site over the summer and a bottle of water they can fill up in school. If they do have any medication they need to take throughout the day this can be handed over to staff on the Monday. Students will be dismissed from reception at 3pm to make their own way home.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE START OF TERM IN SEPTEMBER 2024:

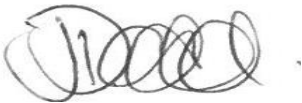
Monday 9th September

- Year 7 students to be on the school yard by 8:25am.
- Year 8 to Year 11 students to be on the school yard at 11am.

There continues to be a lot of excitement about the future for the academy as we enter our seventh year with Aspire North East Multi Academy Trust. We are also delighted to be welcoming our new year 7 students who made an excellent first impression during our three transition days. I look forward to sharing further successes and updates with you during the new school year.

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer break and we look forward to welcoming your children back to Sandhill View in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs J Dodd
Headteacher