

# Weatherhead High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer break. I am writing to you with some updates and useful information ahead of the new school year.

## Key Stage 4 and 5 Examination Results – Summer 2024

Congratulations to all students who collected their examination results this summer. There was much to celebrate on both days with some excellent achievements for Year 11 and Year 13 students. Notable successes include 13 students who achieved A\*/A grades in all of their A Level subjects, 75% of all Level 3 BTEC entries graded at Distinction\* or Distinction, and a very high pass rate across all GCSE and Level 2 vocational courses. You can read more and watch the Results Days videos on our [website](#). We wish all of the students every success for a bright and prosperous future, whichever path they choose to follow, and look forward to welcoming back those Year 11 students who are returning to Weatherhead to begin their Sixth Form study.

## Staffing Updates

Mrs H Gillett, Exams and Data Manager, has decided to move on from Weatherhead following her maternity leave and we are pleased that Mrs S Pullin who provided maternity cover will remain with us in this role on a permanent basis.

We are also delighted to welcome the following new staff to Weatherhead from September 2024:

- Miss E Brocklebank, Teacher of Mathematics
- Mr D Case, Food Technician
- Miss A Francioni, Student Services Admin Officer (maternity cover)
- Mrs S Hadley, Higher Level Teaching Assistant
- Miss E Heywood, Teacher of Mathematics
- Mrs A Lee, SEND Administrator
- Miss M Marshallsay, Teacher of Science
- Mrs E McCue, Subject Lead Computer Science
- Mr G Morris, Director of Mathematics & Numeracy
- Miss M Pleavin, Apprentice
- Miss R Proudfoot, Teacher of Dance
- Mr J Scott, Assistant Curriculum Leader for Mathematics
- Miss E Tarpey, Teacher of Mathematics
- Mrs E Tracey, Teacher of Music (cover for Mr Moore who is on sabbatical during Autumn term)

We also have several trainee teachers joining the team for 2024-25:

- Mr J Boyd, Mathematics
- Miss N Canning, Science & Mathematics
- Miss E Lyons, Art & Design

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- Miss S Turnock, Geography
- Mrs H Ward, Mathematics
- Miss M Whitwell, Science
- Miss G Wood, PE

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Local Governing Body. Ensuring that parents are represented on the Governing Body is important for decisions being made in the interests of the whole school community, and the Governing Body is very keen to fill this vacancy. If you are interested and would like to find out more information, please contact Mrs Draper, Clerk to Governors on 0151 631 4410 or via email on [clerk@weatherheadhigh.co.uk](mailto:clerk@weatherheadhigh.co.uk)

### **Student Equipment List / School Bag**

In my end of term letter to you in July 2024, I shared our minimum equipment list that has been introduced for students in Years 7 to 11 to ensure that every student is ready for learning and to minimise disruption to lessons. It is also important for all students to have a suitable school bag that will allow them to carry their essential equipment and books each day. You can see the equipment list [here](#) and the school will provide support to any families who are having difficulty purchasing items on the list.

### **Attendance**

Attendance will continue to be a key priority for all students at Weatherhead High School during this academic year. I understand that from time to time children become unwell and will not be able to attend school but I would request that you continue to support school by reinforcing the importance of good attendance with your child and, where possible, by making appointments outside of school hours and not taking holidays during term time. Please remember that one day of absence is five hours of lost learning time that is very difficult to recover. I would encourage you to revisit the letter issued by Mrs Walton (Assistant Headteacher) in July 2024, which includes the key messages and expectations for schools, parents and Local Authorities contained in the recently updated Department for Education guidance on school attendance. You can read Mrs Walton's letter [here](#).

### **Southport Events**

You will be well aware of the devastating event that took place in Southport over the summer break where, tragically, three young girls lost their lives and the troubling issues that arose across the country following this incident. Our thoughts are with the victims of this attack and their families and friends during this incredibly sad time. There is support available in school via pastoral teams for any student that has been affected; please contact the relevant year group office if you feel your child will require some help.

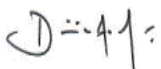
### **Headteacher Drop-in Session**

I will be available for a drop-in session for parents and carers at which you can discuss any concerns or issues that you would like to address with me. If you would like to attend just to introduce yourself to me you are also very welcome. The session will be held between 4.00-5.30pm on Tuesday 24 September and no appointment is needed.

Finally, if you have any questions or require any support as we start the new school year, please do not hesitate to contact your child's year team via the relevant office email address (eg, [year7office@weatherheadhigh.co.uk](mailto:year7office@weatherheadhigh.co.uk)).

I look forward to welcoming our students back to school this week.

Yours sincerely



**Mr D Mackenzie**  
Headteacher