



**LATHOM
HIGH SCHOOL**



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Headteacher: Mrs J M Galbraith



8 September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to welcome you to the new academic year at Lathom. Our new Year 7 students have settled extremely well and, with the support of our older students, have made an excellent start to life at Lathom. The standard of student behaviour in lessons and around school has been superb and students have returned to school well organised and with the correct equipment. Many thanks for your support in making sure that uniform standards are high and our students look smart and represent the school very well in the community. I would ask that any outstanding uniform issues are resolved this weekend to ensure that all students reach the standards that we can be proud of.

Students have been made aware of some minor changes to the school's Behaviour System to ensure consistent behaviour that we can all be proud of. In line with our zero tolerance policy, we maintain an absolute commitment to same day sanctions in all cases where behaviour falls short of the Proud@Lathom expectations. These sanctions are non-negotiable in all cases as we are determined that each and every student is able to be the very best they can be. The school's sanctions now include detentions of 30 minutes for failure to comply with expectations, 1 hour for behaviour that is disrespectful or negatively impacts on learning and 1 hour 30 minutes in cases of serious concern or where a previous sanction has been refused. Both positive and negative behaviours are now linked to a points system, operating alongside our attendance initiatives. We will be sending you news of our exciting attendance initiatives next week.

Over the coming weeks, we will be taking every opportunity to develop student involvement in leadership. Our Year 10 trained Peer Listeners will meet with every student in Year 7 to help them complete the Lathom Bronze Passport. We are very proud of the success of our Peer Listeners and I am delighted that this year the students will be working towards official recognition for their hard work and skills by completing the Student Leadership Accreditation. Our new senior prefect team takes a lead role in ensuring that the Lathom student experience is always positive and all students are involved in wider school life and the community.

Parents' Forum 15 September 2017 9.30 - 11.00am

Hosted by Linda Bennett, mum to a Year 10 student and founder of Parents' Forum, the group meets every half term enabling parents to consult on, discuss and represent the views of parents in areas of school development which are of interest to the wider parent body, in particular:

- Support the partnership between
 - Parents and school
 - School and the community
- Support the school in fund raising events
- To be an integral part of the school community

Linda would love to see any new members. If you would like to join, please come along to our next meeting at school on the **15th September 2017 at 9.30am**.



Clubs and Activities

We have many activities and clubs during lunchtime and after school. I enclose copies of the PE Extra-curricular timetable and the timetable for our Creative Arts clubs for your information. To enable students to attend afterschool activities, including Homework Club, we provide a late bus service at 4.00pm, 4.30pm and 5.00pm (Monday to Thursday) and at 4.00pm on a Friday. Revision and extra study sessions will be published later this half term.

We look forward to seeing you again at school in the near future and ask that you remember that we currently undergoing refurbishment throughout the school so apologise if we don't look our best!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J M Galbraith', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J M Galbraith
Headteacher