



# FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Ms E Ellis BA, MA

11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the start of a new academic year at Fearnhill. I am writing to update you on various developments that have taken place and to give you important information about upcoming events.

## Exam Results

Firstly, I am pleased to report that our results at GCSE and A Level continued to be strong this summer, and our students are now settling in to their new courses. You may have read about some of our key successes in the Comet or on the school website. We are particularly pleased that despite new GCSEs and A Level exams and the challenges they brought, Fearnhill students achieved well across all subjects.

## New Staff

This year we are pleased to welcome the following colleagues to our team:

Miss Chandler	Head of Inclusion
Mrs Fullard	Lead Teacher of Food Technology
Mr Crowley	Teacher of Music
Mrs Morgan	Student Support Assistant
Miss Brooke	Cover Supervisor

In addition, some colleagues have changed their role within school. Mr Sheridan is Acting Head of English, Mrs Franklin is the new Head of Year 7, Mr Turner is the new Head of Years 8 and 9, Mr Wakeling is Head of Key Stage 4 and Mr Baker is the new Assistant Head in charge of personal development, behaviour and welfare.

## Building Update

Our two major projects for the sports hall roof replacement and the school's new heating system are going well. We anticipate the roof being complete by early October and the heating engineers are currently fitting pipework in different areas of the school. This does involve some room changes and disruption to students but we are managing this closely and will keep you updated on progress. The projects are excellent news for the school and we look forward to their completion.

## Uniform

Students came back to school last week looking smart and business-like. As you know, we now use an online uniform supplier, School Trends, and I am aware there have been some teething issues with the company. We are in daily contact and supplying them with very precise information about any missing items; please continue to let us know if you are experiencing difficulties. They will be in touch with parents

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individually to resolve issues. Thank you for your patience and be assured that no student has been sanctioned for a uniform issue where it is beyond their control.

## **Open Evening, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING OPEN EVENING AND OPEN MORNINGS

Open Evening will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 6pm until 8.30pm. In order to prepare for this, school will finish early on that day at 12.10pm.

School will be open at the normal time on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and students are expected to attend as normal.

Please do remind any friends or family with children of primary age to come and see for themselves what is on offer at Fearnhill. The Open Evening and Mornings are an opportunity to speak to students, staff and myself about the school. A prospectus will be available on the evening and more information can also be found on our website.

We are delighted to have the opportunity to showcase the wonderful work we are doing and to celebrate the excellent progress of our students.

We have had a good start to the year and I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. Please do check the website for news; additionally, the first 'Fearnfile' of this term will be out this Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours faithfully

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