



July 2019

To: All Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers

As the end of the academic year approaches, I am writing to thank you all for your continued support throughout this time.

On a personal note, I would like say how proud I am to have been appointed as Headteacher of Denton Community College. My experiences, whilst holding the post on a temporary basis over the last 15 months, have been the most rewarding of my career. Now that the role has been made permanent, I look forward to working with you all as we provide greater opportunities for our students, raising their aspirations and supporting them to achieve their full potential.

The end of the academic year always brings a number of opportunities for students to get involved in events, both in and outside of College, and this year has been no exception. Our student leaders have been heavily involved with the organisation and running of a number of sports days in local primary schools. It was a great pleasure to be present at the recent Inspire Tameside Awards where it was a real honour to be rewarded for our efforts with the Leadership Programme of the Year Award (Secondary). Once again, we demonstrated the depth of talent amongst our student body through the annual Dance Showcase & Dentonbury Festival. More recently, for those of us who were lucky enough to get tickets, our production of 'High School Musical' evidenced what our students are capable of doing when given the opportunity.

The vast majority of students at Denton Community College wear their uniform with pride and, as always, you have been very supportive of our high expectations regarding their appearance and behaviour. The current suppliers of our uniform are TopForm by Monkhouse, 217 Chestergate, Stockport SK3 OAN, Tel 0161 476 7210. Monkhouse will be in College selling uniform in the reception area at the front of College during the Summer Holidays on the following dates and times:

- 30th July 2019 from 10.00am - 3.00pm
- 27th August 2019 from 10.00am - 3.00pm

Following our recent consultation on skirts, it was decided that the new check/tartan design will be adopted by the College from September 2020. We feel this 12 month lead in will allow us to find the most cost effective supplier and help parents better prepare for the changes. Until September 2020, the College skirt will remain the same charcoal grey (not BLACK), A-lined non-pleated skirt to the knee as is set out in our uniform policy. This can be found on our website. We have also included a copy of the policy in the College Parent Bulletin (Summer Edition).

This academic year, we have tried to increase our social media presence to improve communication with parents and our community. The College now operates three dedicated twitter feeds:

- Headteacher @ DCC
- CollegeNews @ DCC_News
- PE News @ DCC_PE

These, alongside the College website, are the fastest ways of keeping up with the latest news from the College. This year, we also introduced the parent bulletin, the latest issue of which can be found on the College website.

The end of an academic year always brings a number of goodbyes to several members of staff at the College. This year, we wish the following staff well and thank them for their hard work and efforts whilst working with our students:

Miss Dixon
Miss Donnachie
Mrs Garnett
Mrs Johnson
Miss McCartney
Mrs McGuinness
Miss Pickles
Mr Osborne
Miss Ridgway
Miss Rolle
Mr Schollar
Mr Thompson

This school opened in 2012 with a capacity for 1350 students. Recent successes, and our popularity within the borough has resulted in us being full in every year group and we are set to exceed this number in September. As a consequence, a considerable amount of funding is being invested in the building over the summer break. This will include a new block of six classrooms being constructed, the establishment of new, dedicated dining spaces with additional seating for students as well as the conversion of an existing classroom into a new science lab.

Finally, arrangements for the end of this academic year are as follows:

- the last day of term is **Friday 19th July** and College will be finishing at the earlier time of **12.30pm** for all students. Unfortunately, buses will not be in operation. Therefore, it is essential that alternative travel arrangements are made for your child. Students on free school meals will be able to use their lunch allowance to purchase food at break time.
- the College will re-open for all students on **Wednesday 4th September 2019**. Our Year 7 students will start at the usual time of **8.40am**. All other students (Years, 8, 9, 10 and 11) should arrive at College at **10.00am** and go straight to their form rooms.

Once again, I would like to offer my thanks for your continued support of the College. I would also like to extend my best wishes to everyone for a well-deserved summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming back all of our students in September.

Yours sincerely



Mr G Rule
HEADTEACHER