



# Golborne

## HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I would like to wish you all a very warm welcome to the start of our new school year. All of our students returned looking smart, with smiles on their faces, ready to enjoy their learning.

We have begun the year in a celebratory mood as our previous Year 11 students continued to perform above national averages and gained even more 5+s than the previous year. 76% of students gained 5 A\* - Cs including English and Maths at standard pass; 92% gained level 4+ in English and 80% in Maths. 82% gained a strong pass in English (level5+) and 60% in Maths. Our pupils made better progress than other pupils do nationally! In fact our pupils made some of the best progress in the local area. Our Progress 8 and Attainment 8 have both risen and are well above National average based on last year's data. Also many Departments achieved incredible results, in English, Photography, Science, Spanish, History, Drama, Technology and French. Our number of pupils gaining the very highest grades maintained last year's performance with an incredible 23% of pupils gaining a level 7+ in 5 or more subjects. I am delighted with these results and extremely proud of the Year 11 pupils. I would also like to thank the dedication of the staff, who are experts in their subjects and completely committed to making lessons inspirational, challenging and exciting. Our focus on constantly improving teaching and learning in the classroom has succeeded in ensuring that our students make rapid progress. The focus of the School will continue to be to provide the best possible teaching for our students to ensure that they can achieve their dreams and complete at the highest level, locally, nationally and internationally.

I would like to thank you for sending in your children with the correct equipment and wearing their new uniforms with pride. It was an absolute pleasure to see the pupils walking into school in their lovely new uniforms. I know that buying a new uniform can be very expensive and I would like to thank you as parents for being so supportive of the school. Please can I ask you to remember that the jumpers are only worn from November. I hope you feel the same sense of pride as the staff when you sent your children into school looking so lovely and smart.

Over the summer there have been several changes to our buildings and premises. 2 new classrooms have been built to accommodate our growing population. The English classrooms, Library and Dining Room have been re-decorated and the new flooring has been extended to Tech. Thanks to Mr Pennington we now have even more exciting and inspirational corridor displays. Additionally, we have continued to invest in our digital strategy and have replaced the Science classrooms with new touch screen, interactive boards. We are very excited about the modernisation of the building and totally committed to offering outstanding learning spaces for our students to excel in.

We now have a new app called Edulink for parental communications. This will replace ShowMyHomework, Parent's Evening booking systems and will allow you as parents to a single access login to access all the information you require about your children. A letter has been sent home with your login details.

At the start of the new term we have lots of new faces in school. Our Year 7 pupils enjoyed a really successful first day and soon found their feet after going in the wrong direction occasionally! High

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school can be a very anxious time for some Year 7 pupils and we want to make sure that every student's first week is a happy, enjoyable experience where they meet lots of new friends. If you are a Year 7 parent and have any worries at all please do not hesitate to contact us for help and support. In addition to our new Year 7 pupils we would like to welcome 12 new members of staff who will further enhance the expertise of our teaching staff. The new staff are as follows:

Mr Coxon – Curriculum Leader of PE  
Miss Atkinson - Lead Practitioner of Science  
Mr Shaw - Head of Science  
Miss Lane - Teacher of MFL  
Miss Moakes - Teacher of Maths  
Mr Barnes - Teacher of Maths  
Miss Adams - Teacher of English  
Mr Andrews - Teacher of English  
Mr Towey - Teacher of Science  
Mr Chivers - Teacher of Music  
Mrs Faure - Teacher of Drama  
Miss Clampitt - Teacher of Art

The complete staff list is on the website if you wish to read it.

This year we are continuing with our drive to improve presentation and written accuracy. All our pupils now have lovely work folders in every subject which we would like them to care for with pride. In every lesson our pupils will keep a spelling log at the back of their book of their ongoing errors. Please could you help your child to learn these spellings at home. Edulink is now the vehicle for the setting of all homework so it is vital that you log on to this system and ensure that your child uses it. All pupils have been given their log in details.

I would like to thank you for your support last year and look forward to working with you this year to ensure that all of our pupils have the best possible education and enjoy every day of their school life. We look forward to achieving greater success in 2020.

Finally, this year Golborne High School is 50 years old and we will be running celebration events throughout the year. If you have any old photographs of Golborne High School we would really appreciate it if we could borrow them to produce a new display of Golborne through the ages.

Yours sincerely

*A Gormally*

Mrs A Gormally  
Headteacher

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