



15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the new academic year and a particularly warm welcome to our parents and carers of pupils new to the school, both Year 7 and across other year groups.

The new term has started well and the first day was especially memorable with the whole school community enjoying the fantastic spectacle of the Tour of Britain cycle race as the riders hurtled down Redbourne Mere.

I am delighted to be able to tell you that following a recent re- assessment of the school's inclusion practices, we have been given a seal of approval after the Inclusion Quality Mark designated Huntcliff School as a Centre of Excellence. This nationally-accredited award, recognises the exceptional inclusion arrangements the school has in place.

The purpose of this award is to recognise the inclusive nature of a school – ensuring that all learners, no matter what their interests or ability, are purposefully engaged in the life of the school and that all of their needs are being met.

It also recognises the work of the school within the wider community; the partnerships and links that have been made with the local community and external agencies. We are very proud to achieve this award and it is a reflection of the strong partnerships between home and school.

A copy of the report is available for you to read on the school website.

It is pleasing to see the pupils returning to school looking so smartly dressed and with the necessary equipment for learning. All pupils have been issued with planners and it is important that these are used to note homework tasks. I would appreciate it if parents/carers could sign these weekly and not only check that homeworks are being completed but also spend some time discussing the learning tasks.

This term we have revised the Home School Agreement and will be discussing our expectations with pupils as well as sharing teachers' commitments to giving their best to support pupils' progress and achievement.

There has been a review of the Pastoral Support Team recently and, as usual, the first point of contact for parents is the Form Tutor. The Form Tutors will be supported by Heads' of Year and the Pastoral Support Officers:

Year 6 and 7:	Miss Hyslop Mrs Lazenby	Head of Year PSO
Years 8 and 9:	Mrs Bindon Mrs Ellis	Head of Year PSO
Years 10 and 11:	Mrs Naish Mrs Dulson	Head of Year PSO

Mrs Trevethan's role as Pastoral Support Officer will continue and she will be working across the school, monitoring attendance and supporting individual pupils to ensure that they achieve.

As you know, the new Headteacher, Mr Patrick Daley will be joining the school this year and it has been arranged for him to take up his post after the October half-term. Mr Daley will be visiting the school over the next few weeks so that he can get to know members of the school community.

Kind regards

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