

09 January 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that this letter finds you well, and that you have all had a restful winter break. It gives me great pleasure to be able to finally write to you as the new Headteacher of Cottingham High School and update you on some key information and aims related to the coming term.

One of the key areas that we are keen to improve is the communication between school and home. As fellow parents and carers, we are acutely aware of the importance of working together to achieve the best possible experience and outcomes for your children, something that we strive to do everyday. We are keen for this partnership to be something that involves more regular updates on your child's progress, achievements and an insight into school life, as well as having the mechanism to give any feedback on our provisions and approaches.

In this regard, I will endeavour to introduce myself to as many families as possible over the coming weeks, with as many avenues opened as possible. I will be scheduling some open parent drop in events for introductions to anyone who would like to take up the opportunity. Whether it be a phone call, a meeting, an introduction at a parents evening or at a parents drop in, I look forward to speaking to as many of you as possible.

All KS3 and 4 students have had an assembly today that has outlined expectations and the collective vision for the school to make positive improvements and build upon our existing position. As an individual I am relentless in pursuing improvements and we collectively believe that this is the key expectation of our students to give them the chance to **Believe, Achieve** and **Succeed**. In working in partnership, we can strive to **shape a positive future** for every child.

We have some key upcoming events that will support the above, which are listed below:

Events

Wednesday 17th January- Year 8 Parents evening (Night 1 of 2)

Thursday 25th January- Year 8 Parents evening (Night 2 of 2)

Wednesday 31st January- Year 9 Options evening

Thursday 29th February- Year 12& 13 Parents evening

Wednesday 13th March- Year 11 Parents evening

Wednesday 20th March- Year 10 Parents evening

Wednesday 17th April- Year 7 Parents evening (Night 1 of 2)

Thursday 25th April- Year 7 Parents evening (Night 1 of 2)

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks,

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J Kerby'.

J Kerby

Headteacher