



# Wolstanton High School

A Shaw Education Trust Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As half term approaches, there are a few items of news that I wish to share with you.

## **Changes to the Senior Leadership Team**

### **New Executive Principal/Head of School**

Within a multi-academy trust schools and their leaders work in partnership to enable all children to achieve success. Therefore, from half term, I will be working with a new school which has recently joined the Trust.

Wolstanton High School will be led by two colleagues from the Shaw Education Trust. Mrs Yarwood will take the role of Executive Principal and Mrs Farrent, that of Head of School. Both Mrs Yarwood and Mrs Farrent have been working in Wolstanton for some time. They are well known to both pupils and staff, and in turn are very knowledgeable about the school. Indeed, Mrs Yarwood is a former Wolstantonian herself! Both colleagues are highly experienced, successful, secondary headteachers.

Mrs Yarwood and Mrs Farrent will be in touch after half term with times and dates when you will be able to come into school to meet with them. There will be a series of formal and informal opportunities to engage with the new leadership team. They are looking forward to welcoming you!

### **New Deputy Headteacher**

At Easter, a second Deputy Head teacher joins us. After a rigorous two days of interviews we were very pleased to offer the post to Mr Daniel Moore. He in turn is delighted to be joining Wolstanton High School and the Shaw Education Trust family. I have no doubt that Mr Moore will write to you all and introduce himself when he is in post.

## **Return to school after half term**

On **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**, pupils will be required to arrive at school slightly later, for a **9:30 a.m.** start.

Normal timing will resume from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> onwards.

## **Changes to afternoon Form Time**

After half term, we will no longer have afternoon form time for the last 10 minutes of the day but we will use this for further learning and teaching for period 5. The times of the start and finish of the school day will not change. Pupils will be registered in their classes at the start of period 5.

## **Gates**

Due to the open nature of the site it has become necessary to shut the entrance to the school from Milehouse Lane during the school day. We recognise that this is rather irritating in terms of ease of access, however our first priority is to ensure that your child is safe. This is an interim measure whilst we enact a longer term solution. Thank you for your forbearance and understanding.

## **Road safety**

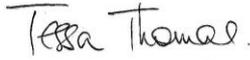
Our road crossing officer has been absent this half term due to illness. I know he has been missed by all of us and we are hoping for his return to post fully fit shortly. Please encourage your child to behave sensibly when crossing the busy road.

## **School success**

We continue to be contacted by families from across the Newcastle area, and beyond, to join our school. We are proud that our popularity increases as a result of our improvement. New students are welcomed on our journey to become a successful school that serves its community with pride and excellence.

Have a great half term.

Yours sincerely



**Tessa Thomas**  
**Headteacher**