



Furrowfield School

Together We Succeed

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for all your support over the course of the last term. This is, as always, is very much appreciated.

We have had a very busy and a very positive term. Our Heart to Heart Day in February was a full curriculum drop down day all about the heart, looking after your heart with every student having emergency CPR training. Feedback from First Aid North East was fantastic with many lovely compliments being received about our students.

We have had two very successful visits from the Mayor the First Citizen of Gateshead. These were very interesting visits with the Mayor bringing with her the Macebearer. We heard all about the history of the Mace and when this is used. This was a real privilege to see, hear about and with some students getting to feel the weight of this on their shoulder.

We have participated in our first Panathlon swimming gala with many students receiving medals. We celebrated World Book Day and last week we had Shakespeare Week including having Macbeth quotations all over the school. This finished with staff dressing up as characters from a Shakespearean play on Friday. This was brilliant to see. We finish this term with a full curriculum drop down day 'The Earth and Beyond' and will finish the day with our Shine Awards and a second public performance from our Furrowfield Band.

We continue to develop our site with our Reading Room being finished. This will be in full use for the summer term. We also continue to develop our Therapeutic Assessment and Support Centre (TASC) with specific therapy rooms for music, art, brick by brick, counselling, play and cardio therapy. We are also extending our weights room and are adding 5 classrooms and 2 bungalows to our accommodation for September 2025. These will all be very exciting developments which will further broaden our curriculum and add full therapeutic support for our students.

We look forward to welcoming our students back for the summer term. This will be on Monday 28th April 2025 at 8.30am for breakfast club and 8.45am for start of lessons. Please note this is a relatively short half term and will end on Friday 23rd May 2025. Please also note that we will be closed on **Monday 5th May for the May Day Bank Holiday.**

Can I take this opportunity to wish all our Year 11 students all the very best for the start of their GCSE examinations which begin on Friday 9th May 2025. These examinations will finish on Monday 16th June 2025.

We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to school on Monday 28th April 2025 in full school uniform, which is a cornflower blue polo shirt, plain back school trousers (leggings are not allowed). Shorts are allowed but must be a plain black tailored short and not a sports short. Shorts with logos such as **Nike or Under Armour are not acceptable.** In addition, students should wear plain black shoes or trainers. Again, these should be plain black without logos.

Thank you for all your support this term. We look forward to an exciting summer term full of sunny days and student progression.

Have a lovely Easter

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H E Scott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Miss H E Scott
Head Teacher