



July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our year at Middleton Technology School, it is a good time to reflect on all we have achieved, update you on some important changes, and then to look forward to an even more successful year from September.

Firstly, can I thank you all for your continued support for the school - we have enjoyed meeting so many of you over the past year at Parents' Evenings, at Awards Evening, and at all other events hosted at school. As always, every event has been extremely well-attended.

New GCSE examinations

This year's year 11 were the first set of students to take the new GCSE examinations in English and Maths. They will receive grades 1-9 in English and Maths instead of the A*-C they will receive in their other subjects. We await the summer results, but I am confident that the hard work of our students and staff, and the high degree of support from the parents of Year 11 will really pay off.

Next year's year 11 will receive grades 1-9 in all subjects but Technology. We will give further information about this to all parents in the next academic year.

Enrichment

This year students in this school have been offered international trips to France, Germany, Poland, Switzerland; as well as national trips to London, Castleton, Blackpool, to the theatre, to different sporting venues and more! We frequently update our school Facebook page with reports from these trips, so if you don't follow us already, please do so now!

We have had some feedback from parents asking us to let them know in advance what trips are being offered in the year. We are putting this together now, and this will be sent to all parents when we return in September.

Uniform

Visitors to the school are always impressed by how smart our pupils look in their uniform. We believe that this is very important, as we know that it will help them to become more work-ready.

If you are replacing uniform for your child during the summer holidays, please ensure that the items conform to our uniform guidelines. A copy of our school uniform list is available on the website.

- All students should wear black school shoes. The school shoes **must not have a trainer sole**. We are aware that some shops do advertise some shoes as school shoes that are in fact trainers, or have a trainer sole. We do not allow them at school. Black boots can be worn under school trousers.
- If students wear trousers, they should be standard cut black trousers, not leggings/jeggings, slim fit trousers, hipsters, or jeans/jean like trousers.
- Hair should not be shorter than a number 2, and extreme hairstyles are not allowed
- False nails/nail varnish/false eyelashes are not allowed
- There should be no jewellery other than one pair of stud earrings worn in the lower lobe of the ear.

Farewells

As we reach the end of the school year, we say good bye and good luck to those colleagues who are leaving us this year. We begin with Mrs Kennerley and Mrs Bird, who have been at the school for 14 years and 8 years respectively. Both are leaving the school for well-deserved promoted posts.

Mr Hardicre has worked as the Technology Technician for 15 years, and leaves us to retire. He plans to spend more time in his garden amongst many things! Mrs Turner, one of our school cooks, is leaving after being with us for 11 years; Mrs Mills, who has been with us for 8 years and is our school librarian, is also leaving to relocate to Yorkshire. I would personally like to thank these members of staff for their loyalty and outstanding contributions to Middleton Technology School.

Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Carson have both been with us for 6 years. Mrs Fletcher leaves to relocate to Chester, and Mrs Carson has a promoted post closer to home. Mrs Ritchie and Mrs Foster are leaving for promoted posts; Mrs Cowgill has been accepted onto a full-time Masters course; Mrs Appleyard and Mr Harrison are moving to new employment; Miss Fitt is moving to another school; and finally Mrs Mahetar, Mr Morrissey and Miss O'Rourke are all going to teach abroad in Malaysia, Burma and China respectively.

We also congratulate the Curriculum Tutors, and trainee teachers who have secured promotions for next year – many in our school. Well done!

We wish all of the staff who are leaving every happiness for the future, and thank them for their contribution to Middleton Technology School.

First and Last Day Arrangements

School will finish at 12:15 on Thursday 20th July. If your child is on Free School Meals and would like a lunch on this day, please can they let Mrs Higginson know by Tuesday 17th July.

All students will start school on **Wednesday 6th September.**

- **Year 7** to go to the playground at **8:20am**, ready to start school at 8:30am
- **Years 8, 9 and 10 start school at 10:35am.** The gates will be open at **10:20am** and then students should line up in the fire boxes.
- **Year 11 start school at 10:35am.** The gates will be open at **10:20am** and then students should to STEM C (The old 6th Form Centre)

Please note that the price of a school meal will be £2.10 from September.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the governing body for all their hard work and tireless championing of our school; to the school leadership teams and **all** of the staff for all their efforts in ensuring that **all** students receive the very best education and experiences.

As the new academic year approaches, I am excited about our plans and developments for next year, and I look forward to continuing to work with you and providing your child with an education they can be proud of.

On behalf of all the staff at Middleton Technology School, I wish you and your children a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely



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