

17th July 2026

Start times for September

Dear parent/carer,



As the term comes to an end, I want to thank you all one final time for your tremendous levels of support over the last few months. We have had a very successful year. Our attendance has remained above the local authority and national average and our behaviour has continued to be exceptional. We are very proud of our students who have achieved 3,131,846 positives since September, which is over 600,000 more than last year. I believe that this has been down to the way that all members of TeamTanfield have worked together. Without your support, this would not have been possible.

Whilst September is a few weeks away we want to let you know the start times for each year group. Can you please ensure your child turns up to the main entrance on the 2nd September at the following times:

Year 7 - 8.40am

Year 8 - 9.20am

Year 9 - 10.00am

Year 10 - 11.00am

Year 11 - 11.40pm

If your child needs to arrive earlier there will be supervision until the rest of their year group arrives.

Finally, in recent weeks we have had national recognition for our achievements. We had the best results in the country for white working class children and were part of the inquiry run by Baroness Estelle Morris and Sir Hamed Patel CBE, looking into why other schools do not achieve the same success. We have also continued to welcome leaders from local schools who are eager to see what we are doing - in all aspects of school life - and to learn from us. We have come a long way in the last few years, however, we are not going to get complacent. We will continue to work relentlessly to ensure that Tanfield School remains a place that our fantastic students deserve - the best school in Durham and in the top 1% of schools nationally.

I hope you enjoy the best summer possible and if at any point over the six weeks you need to get in touch, please use the help@tanfieldschool.co.uk email.

Take care and stay safe,

Steven Clough

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