

17th July 2022

## Start times for September and heatwave

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 2,177,160 positives since September. 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.

As we enter our last week there is a lot of talk in the media about the upcoming heatwave. We have been monitoring the situation carefully over the last few days. It appears that we will not be seeing the extreme temperatures that the south of the country will face, however, it will still be hot enough for us to adapt what we are doing. We will be ensuring that classrooms are kept cool and closing those classrooms where this isn't possible. There will be water available for all students, to keep hydrated, so please encourage your child to bring a bottle to fill up. Our uniform policy will be relaxed on Monday with no requirement to wear a blazer or tie, however, they do need to wear their usual school shoes. Alternatively, students can choose to wear their regular Tanfield PE kit. We are expecting Tuesday to be the hottest day and we have planned a full day of activities. However, these will change if required. Students need to wear their regular Tanfield PE kit. We would also ask you to ensure that your child has sunscreen on and brings it to top up throughout the day.

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 6th 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

Finally, in recent weeks we have welcomed leaders from other 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 becomes, and 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 <a href="mailto:help@tanfieldschool.co.uk">help@tanfieldschool.co.uk</a> email.

Take care and stay safe, Mr S Clough Headteacher

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