

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 1, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2024



Dear Parents

It gives me great pleasure to be able to warmly welcome you back to the new academic year at Town Close School. Thank you so much to all who have been so kind in welcoming me to the School and I look forward to getting to know the wider school community in the weeks ahead. Having moved into the School over the summer break when school sites are often quieter than usual, it has been wonderful to actually have children back on the site bringing with them bucketloads of smiles and a pleasant hubbub of excitement. Whilst the school site was undoubtedly quieter over the summer, that is not to say there hasn't been lots of work going on to improve the facilities your children have access to. I am particularly excited about the opening of the new Pre Prep playground next week and working with the Heads of School in the coming weeks to develop a new Year 8 Common Room.

This week I have enjoyed having my first two assemblies with the pupils on the theme of new shoes and how to put our best foot forward in the face of exciting new opportunities and challenges. A definite first for myself was the honour of 'wanging' the opening welly yesterday in the first House competition of the year; this is something that I clearly need to work on as my first throw went out of bounds and my second nearly gathered snow with the height of the throw but rather disappointingly didn't travel as far as I hoped. However, this is very in keeping with the message that I have delivered through my assemblies this week – you don't have to be great to start, but you do have to start to be great.

I encourage all of the pupils to throw themselves forward into every opportunity that comes their way this year; knowing that the likelihood of them being perfect is non-existent, but the likelihood of them improving with consistent hard work and a healthy dose of ambition is almost guaranteed. I genuinely look forward to celebrating the successes and achievements (big and small) of all of our pupils (big and small) over the course of this academic year.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing all of the pupils on Monday.

Handwritten signature of the headmaster, Mr. James.

