



Tibshelf Community School
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Dear parents / carers,

As the academic year is starting to draw to a close, I would like to reflect on a very busy and successful year at Tibshelf Community School. We are incredibly proud of the achievements of students and staff across so many different aspects of school life.

Over the last few weeks, we have enjoyed a number of activities and events which bring the school community together and allow students to secure strong personal development. We welcomed our year 6 students into school for transition over the course of 4 days. This is an incredibly special and strong year group, and they were amazing throughout the week. Staff were very pleased with their effort, attitude and resilience and we very much look forwards to welcoming them in September as they begin their Tibshelf journey.

The annual awards evening was a huge success and full of pride and joy as parents were able to see their children receive attainment, endeavour and character value awards. We also awarded our prefect team with their ties and badges and look forwards to the work they will do as a student leadership team. Thank you so much to families who attended and made the evening such a wonderful experience. Later that week we hosted our whole school sports day, and I would like to thank the PE team for organising such an incredible event. Over 600 students took part, and their behaviour was impeccable. What was especially pleasing was the support that all students showed to each other, cheering runners on regardless of first or last place. The community spirit was very strong and evident, and we are very proud of the students for this.

Many of you will have already seen the wonderful pictures of our students at the year 11 Prom that was hosted at The Derbyshire Hotel. It was fantastic to see so many supporting the arrival of students – we saw tractors, sports cars, bikes, classic cars and even a helicopter! It was a very special evening and wonderful to allow the class of 2024 their time to celebrate as they move on from their time at Tibshelf.

This week sees our enrichment week taking place, which is a chance to experience a range of activities both on and off site. A huge thank you to staff who have organised such fantastic trips for our students as this does take a lot of time and planning. We really value the experiences that students have during this week, and we know that many lifetime memories are made at this time.

We look forward to next year as another positive and successful year for the community. On behalf of the staff at the school I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Please see below for important messages.

Last day – Friday 19th July

A reminder that school will finish at 12.50 p.m. All buses and transports have been arranged and students should be off site at this time. A 'grab and go' food service will be available at break time for all students. The morning will be our annual sponsored walk and you will receive further information about this.

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Return date – Thursday 5th September

All students in years 7-11 should arrive in school by 8.25 a.m. for a prompt start. It is very important that students arrive to school on time in the morning. The gates close at 8.30 a.m. and at this time all students should be ready to learn in their tutor rooms.

Most parents will be refreshing school uniform over the summer months so please refer to the school uniform policy that is available on our website. In particular, there is an issue with students wearing leggings rather than trousers. Please help to support your child and ensure that all uniform is worn with pride to a high standard every day.

Summer safety and safeguarding information

We have spoken to all students about being safe in the community over summer, and this has been supported by the police in terms of online safety. We often see a rise in online incidents over the holiday periods, so please do monitor your child's usage of social media and apps to keep them safe.

We have spoken to students about rail and water safety, as well as being careful around derelict buildings. Please do speak to your child and reinforce these messages. You will be receiving our safeguarding newsletter with a wealth of information and signposting for your summer safety and welfare.

Sustainability

Our bid to Phase 5 of the Low Carbon Skills Fund has been confirmed as being successful. This is a significant achievement considering the high level of competition in this round of applications.

The Phase 5 LCSF scheme received an overwhelming response, with more than 700 applications submitted, totalling over £116 million in value. The demand for funding exceeded the available resources, indicating a strong interest from various sectors in reducing estate emissions and contributing towards the UK's ambitious goal of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

The funding will allow us to action a full and detailed external audit of our estate energy functions and output and provide a comprehensive de-carbonisation plan to assist us in identifying energy saving solutions and support our sustainability journey going forward.

Building update

We are really excited with the progress of the new building, and I am pleased to report that the project is on schedule. After many weeks of ground remediation works, we have more recently watched the foundations being poured and the framework being erected. It is now much easier to visualise the building as the brickwork begins. Please follow our social media for updates and photographs. We hope that the building will be available for use in early 2025.

Attendance update

I have attached for your information a letter from DCC regarding changes to attendance monitoring that are in place from September 2024. In the following few days, my attendance team will be writing to all parents to clarify our approach to attendance and the importance of excellent attendance to school.

Yours Sincerely



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