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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new school year 2016-17

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time as we look forward to the opportunities and challenges of the year to come.

I would like to welcome all parents/carers who are new to Helsby High School, as well as welcoming back parents who are already working in partnership with the school.

Year 7

We have been delighted by the way our new year 7s responded during their induction days (last July) and their first days this term. They have quickly settled into their new school and new routines and I am confident that they will enjoy their time at Helsby High School.

Staffing news

We are delighted to welcome a number of new staff to the school;

Ms L Akrigg	Maths
Mr G Bonney	Technology
Mrs D Burden	Teaching Assistant
Mr A Fuller	Maths
Mrs K Harding	Computing
Mr S Healey	Music
Ms J Hyland	Social Sciences
Mrs Jacobson	Modern Foreign Languages
Ms S Martin	English
Mr M Matthews	English
Mr T Riley	Teaching Assistant
Ms H Sterenfeld	Teaching Assistant
Mr R Whelan	Physics

I am sure they will really enjoy working at our wonderful school.

Congratulations to Mrs K Jones, formerly Miss K Harris and Mrs P Flood, formerly Miss P Tate, who were married over the summer break.

Year leaders for 2016-17 are detailed below. Please feel free to email the relevant year group with any enquiries.

Year	Year leaders	Email
Year 7	Mr C Eaton	year7admin@helsbyhigh.org.uk
Year 8	Mrs K Jones	year8admin@helsbyhigh.org.uk
Year 9	Mrs N Turner	year9admin@helsbyhigh.org.uk
Year 10	Ms N Wilkes	year10admin@helsbyhigh.org.uk
Year 11	Mrs M Marvin	year11admin@helsbyhigh.org.uk
Year 12	Mrs J Robinson	6thformadmin@helsbyhigh.org.uk
Year 13	Mrs G Speakman	6thformadmin@helsbyhigh.org.uk



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High expectations

We are proud of the excellent standards of work and behaviour demonstrated by our young people. The support of parents/carers is absolutely critical to this and we look forward to working in close partnership with you over the school year to come.

We continue to clarify our expectations to students and parents/carers on shoes, skirts and mobile phones. Further details are available on the school's website. We would like to thank you for your support in ensuring that your son/daughter meets these expectations.

Premises news

As well as redecorating parts of the school, our site team have worked hard over the summer holidays to improve various aspects of the school including;

- The refurbishment of the boys' B block toilets in line with the suggestions from students.
- The fitting of proximity sensors to all external rear doors. These will provide extra security for our students. Please note that all visitors to the school should report to the front reception area.
- A new gate at the Helsby end of the school.
- LED lighting which will provide better quality and more cost effective lighting around the building.

School Website

Year 7 and Year 11 photographs will be taken on Wednesday 14 September 2016. Please visit the school website regularly for the latest school news, other useful information and key dates. You will also find regular tweets on the school's Twitter account (@helsbyhigh) and posts on the school's Facebook page so please follow us there too. As a reminder, school will be closed to students on Thursday 29 September 2016.

2016 Examination results

Finally I would like to congratulate our GCSE and A level students who received an excellent set of exam results in August. (Further details can be found on the website). We are delighted to welcome a large number of GCSE students back into the Sixth Form and I would like to pass on my thanks and best wishes to all those who are moving on to new challenges.

We look forward to working in partnership with you over the school year to come and would like to thank you, in anticipation, for your help and support.

Best wishes,

John Dowler
Headteacher