

## Parental Engagement

Deyes High will foster an ethos and atmosphere where all parents feel supported, welcomed and valued.

Deyes High School Community values the partnership with our parents and are grateful for the support parents give to their youngsters and the school. We foster a shared and collaborative approach with parents and carers and adopt a multi-agency approach. We believe two-way communication between home and school is vital and by working together we can ensure best outcomes and opportunities for all our students.

**We pride ourselves in involving everyone in school improvement by informing, listening and responding.**

### How Do We Engage Our Parents and Carers?

#### Communication

- We engage in regular conversation about your son/daughter's progress both academically and pastorally. This could be through the school website, texts, email, telephone, letter, student planner, face to face meetings at school or home visit.
- We encourage you to contact the school if you wish to communicate with any staff involved with your child. PLEASE do not turn up at school unannounced as often the person you wish to see will be teaching and unavailable. We would respectfully ask that you make an appointment so that you can be afforded the quality time you deserve.

#### Newsletter

We provide you with a weekly newsletter released on a Friday to keep you up-to-date with information, key events and information on life in school.

#### Parent Feedback

We regularly engage parents in feedback sessions e.g. the introduction of 'show my homework' or in feedback questionnaires. This helps us to improve and build on your suggestions. Often, you will be asked to take a moment to complete a questionnaire at parents evening. We truly value this feedback and thank you for taking the time to do this.

#### Celebrating Success with Parents/Carers

We take every opportunity possible to share the celebration of success with parents/carers. We primarily do this through phone calls home, letters, 'Exceptional Performance' awards and by inviting parents to celebratory events which range from attendance at sports fixtures to our formal annual Awards Evening. You are always most welcome.

### **Liaising with Parents/Carers on Assessment and Progress**

Once a term, a tracking report is produced for your information. This outlines your son/daughters attainment along with behaviour, homework and attitude to learning.

Once a year, full report is produce. This written full report details information about individual subjects.

### **Key Information Session**

In addition, we will always keep you informed of any recent National changes to assessment or grading and how the school proposes to respond.

#### **- Parents Evenings**

Throughout the year evenings are set aside for parents to meet with their son/daughter's subject teachers. These dates usually follow shortly after a progress report so that discussions between parent, teacher and student has real meaning and all can contribute.

#### **- Options Evenings**

Options evening for Year 9 and Year 11 are key events in the calendar. This is an opportunity for you to hear and talk about the "next steps" in the Deyes educational journey. You may have lots of questions and we are there to, hopefully answer them and provide the advice and guidance necessary

#### **- Transition Events**

At each key milestone in your son/daughter's education journey we will meet with you to keep you informed of the next steps.

**NB:** please note key meeting dates are usually provided at the start of each academic year.