



# Mowbray School

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We have reached the end of an extremely successful year and as ever a very busy one, with the children achieving extremely highly, both academically and socially. I have always been impressed with the many additional opportunities that school offers to pupils to increase their experiences and learning, this year we have had so many educational visits and residential trips for both Primary and Secondary pupils and I am immensely grateful for the staff for organising these things.

The school continues to have very high numbers of parents requesting places and we will have over 214 pupils on role in September, with 30 new pupils joining the school. All our current and new pupils have this week been in their new classes for September and though this can be unsettling, it certainly helps everyone prepare for the school year. This year we have said goodbye to 29 Year 11 pupils, they all can be proud of their achievements and we of course wish them the very best, in the summer holidays we will receive their examination results and I have no doubt they will be the best results we have ever attained.

The school remains in a strong financial position, our budget ensures that we can continue to provide excellent provision and facilities for pupils and staff. I am very appreciative of the school being in this position, as so many schools not only in North Yorkshire, but across the country are struggling financially. Our financial position is down to how the school is structured, how we attract funding and ultimately the efficiency of how we use it.

We are again running a summer scheme for two weeks during the holidays and I am grateful for Mrs O'Rourke arranging this and the staff who have agreed to run it. For the first time in many years, there is no building work going on during the holidays, we have however placed an order for all our outside play areas to be replaced, this may be completed towards the end of the summer holidays or early September.

Often at the end of the academic year we have staff leaving, this year is no exception, what stands out is that Mrs Metcalfe retires, she has worked at Mowbray since 1982 when the school first opened, this is an incredible achievement and I wish her a very happy and healthy retirement. In addition to this Mrs Brook is leaving and taking up a new post closer to home, she has been with us since being a student and has contributed hugely to all we do. We also say goodbye to Mrs Way and Ms Hadfield and wish them all the very best for the future.

**School closes this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm** and opens to pupils on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018. I would like to express my thanks to all the staff for their continued hard work and commitment to meeting the needs of all our children, it has been a challenging year and I wish everyone a very peaceful and healthy summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Tearle, Headteacher