



Friday, 6 September 2024

Dear parents and carers

### **Welcome back!**

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Wilmslow High School; it is a privilege to be selected to lead this incredible school. As a parent myself, I believe in the value of a 'whole' education, placing equal importance on strong pastoral care, academic progress, and a broad range of opportunities for every student. It is vital to me that our students are happy, safe and well-cared for in addition to pursuing excellence for every student, every day. From my first visit to Wilmslow in January, it was clear that this is a vision shared by the whole school community and I am both excited and determined to ensure that Wilmslow High School continues to deliver an excellent education for all.

From my twenty years' experience working in education, the last six as a deputy headteacher, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. As parents and carers, you have a vital role to play in the contribution to your children's achievements, and I am keen to build on the existing relationship between you and the school. As part of this, the leadership team and I will be seeking your views and opinions through a series of questionnaires and informal meetings over the coming months. We will of course keep you regularly updated on your child's progress through a series of information evenings, reports and parents' evenings. If at any point you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress or wellbeing, please do get in touch and we will be more than happy to help. Contact details for the relevant staff can be found [here](#).

It has been delightful visiting lessons and spending time during break and lunchtime getting to know our students who are keen, articulate and rightly proud of our school. We are now using all areas of our new extension and as you can see from the images in High Notes this week, the new facilities are a huge improvement and will impact positively on the daily experience of students and staff.

Through a series of assemblies, I have had the opportunity to welcome new and returning students into school. I have shared with them the key message of making the right choices for their personal success and have encouraged them to take advantage of the amazing opportunities available to them - as you can see from our Xtra curricular offer this term - there is something for everyone.

We have also emphasised the importance to students of wearing their uniform correctly and looking professional. I believe school uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging. Uniform also positively contributes to students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers. I have been incredibly impressed with the positive response from our students who have worn their uniform correctly and with great pride this week. I ask that you support us with maintaining this high standard throughout the year. May I remind you that our uniform policy can be found on the [school website](#).

I look forward to working with you.

Mrs Christina Kane

Headteacher