

11<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

At the end of my first full week with students at Ounsdale High School I write to report students have returned to school with a fantastic attitude to their studies. I am so impressed by the politeness of students, their excellent manners, and their positivity. It has been great to see the older students guiding new students to the correct locations and generally being positive role models. I am looking forward to getting to know students better and am expectant of a great 2018-2019 academic year. I have stressed to students that I am looking for evidence of hard work, positivity and kindness in all that is done.

### **Homework**

This begins fully this week and will follow the timetable published on the previous newsletter and in the homework policy.

Any Year 7 students without their login details for Wise will not be given yellow cards for not completing homework. The IT department is working hard to ensure all students can log in correctly.

Provision will be made for students to complete homework in school if this is preferable to you as a family. A homework club will be held in the library from 3pm to 4pm Monday to Thursday, this will be fully operational from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Forthcoming trips**

To allow the completion of high quality fieldwork the Humanities department have organized trips for students in Year 10 and 11. Detailed information will reach you shortly from the Humanities department.

Year Y11 History and Geography trips (including Y10 Geography students) – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Year 10 History and Geography trips (including Y11 Geography students) – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October

### **Open evening**

To help parents of Year 6 children make an informed decision on a secondary school, that will match their child's needs and allow them to excel, we will be hosting our annual open evening on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September. The normal school day will end at 2pm for all students. We are looking for students to act as tour guides for prospective students and to help within classrooms. Student helpers will need to be back at school from 6pm to 8.45pm. Individual letters asking for helpers will be given out by faculties over the next few days. If your child is available on this evening and is approached to represent a particular subject area we would be very grateful of their help, the students are the best ambassadors of the school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Dr G Smith

Headteacher