



Darland High School

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Dear Parent,

School Photograph, Open Day and Parent Governor Elections.

I wanted to write to you to ensure that you are fully informed about the events of tomorrow. Once every five years, we commission a whole school photograph from a firm of experienced school photographers (Tempest). The idea behind this is that all students at Darland will get the chance to be in one whole school photograph of nearly 1000 people (including staff). We will be sending details of how to order copies of the photograph shortly afterwards. The photo will be taken during period 1. All students should go to their Form Room at 8.55am, where they will be registered by their form teacher, before lining up on one of our all-weather pitches, from where they will be assembled on the photographers' staging by the staff.

Directly after the photograph, we will be marking the schools' Diamond anniversary in a very special way. Students will be asked to stand within the outline of a huge number 60 that our numeracy coordinator and her team have sketched out on an adjacent yard. We will then be photographed by a drone piloted by a professional aerial photographer. I would like to thank Needlefilms for making their generosity in making this possible. Following this event, students will return to their lessons.

Thursday 4th October is our Open Day. We are really looking forward to welcoming prospective parents to view our school, especially after our recent recognition by the Daily Post as 'The Best School in Wrexham'. Our students are fabulous ambassadors for us and many will be helping the various departments with their displays and activities during the evening, which starts at 6.30pm and concludes at 8pm. If your child is helping with the evening, they should have asked you to sign a consent letter and must be at the school by 6pm in full school uniform.

We are inviting nominations for an election of a Parent Governor to the Governing body of Darland High School, for which we will have two vacancies in November. Parent Governors are an important constituent of our Governing body, bringing to the group, the special interest and concerns that parents have in the good running of the school. Parent Governors are not however, the elected delegates of parents and cannot raise individual concerns relating to their own children in the meetings of the Governing body. As a Governor, you will be instrumental in the development of school policies and strategic direction as well as helping to appoint staff and publicising the successes of Darland High School. In terms of your commitment, you will need to attend around six meetings of the Governing Body every year and we also encourage all Governors to serve on a sub-committee. Parent Governors serve for four years and do not have to resign if their child leaves the school during this period. If you would like to discuss the role of the parent Governor in more depth, please contact myself and I will be pleased to have an informal discussion with you, prior to your decision.

If you would like to stand for election as a parent governor, please complete the slip at the foot of this letter and return it to the Headteacher's Office by Monday 15th October. We will then issue ballot papers to all parents and ask for all votes to be cast before Wednesday 24th October.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Agnew
Headteacher

Darland High School – Parent Governor Nominations

Return this slip to the Headteacher's Office by Monday 15th October.

I would like to nominate myself for appointment as parent governor to Darland High School.

Name

Name and form of child at Darland Form Relationship to child.....

Mobile number Email