



AGM - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2012

January 2012

Dear Parents and Carers

We will be holding our annual parents' meeting on Thursday 26th January.

We hope that you will be able to join us for a review of the past 12 months' activities and a look forward to the challenges of a new year. Whilst there is no longer a requirement to hold an AGM, as governors, we feel that it is important to offer parents this annual opportunity to review progress within the school, particularly this year as we are in the consultation period for a possible move to Academy status.

2011 has been another very positive year in the development of Tarporley High School and education continues to be a high profile issue at national level. The coalition government have continued to press ahead with plans to increase the number of Academies, which effectively takes schools out of local authority control and gives them a higher degree of independence with funding coming to the school direct from central government, rather than through the local authority.

We have started a formal consultation on whether academy status would be a good thing for Tarporley and I would encourage you to make your views known on this issue. As governors, we are very keen to ensure that any decision that we take on this key issue is fully informed by the views of all stakeholders. We will discuss this in more details at the AGM on the 26th, so if you would like to find out more about the pros and cons, then I would encourage you to come along. Alternatively, if you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to put forward your views or questions, please use the following e-mail address:

AcademyConsultation@tarporley-high.cheshire.sch.uk

The staff and governors have continued to work to try to improve the educational environment for all of our students. In academic terms, we have had another very good year, achieving our highest ever average points score at GCSE and a 99% pass rate at A Level. 87% of our GCSE students achieved at least 5 A* to C grades, our best ever performance and 72% achieved at least 5 A* to C grades including English and Maths. The average total points score achieved was up by 5% this year on top of the previous year's 7% rise. At A Level, our 6th form continues to be a great place to study

with a pass rate of 99% overall and 52% of these at A*, A or B Grades. Most importantly, in a year when university entrance was very tough, almost all of our students secured their first or second choice of university.

We have continued to work on improving the fabric of the school over the past year and I am delighted to say that after many years of fighting for financial support, we have now fully refurbished the Sports Hall with the most important development being the complete excavation and rebuilding of the floor which we hope will now serve us well for many years to come.

I would like to finish by thanking all of the parents, students and staff that I have dealt with in the past twelve months. I hope that you will join us on 26 January as we look forward to another year of progress.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Crotty', with a long, sweeping underline.

Tom Crotty

Chair of the Governing Body