

11th September 2009

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

Home-School Agreement 2009 – 2010

Our first commitment at Macclesfield High School is to provide high quality teaching and learning for your children. We believe that the School will do this best by working in partnership with parents and with students. The attached Home-School Agreement is one example of this partnership in action.

We are committed to a genuine partnership with our parents. When we first circulated this for consultation a few years ago, more than a hundred parents suggested some improvements to it and several more parents have made other suggestions to help us to improve it still further in the years since.

We want to do all we can, in partnership with you, to make sure that your children experience the highest quality of learning at Macclesfield High School.

Please take a few minutes to read the Agreement. Talk to your child about what is in the Agreement and take the opportunity to explain to him or her what it actually means for you to sign it. If you are a parent of a Year 7 student, you will be doing this for the first time. You might want to say that your signature means you are making a commitment to do everything **you** can to support your child through the next year of their education. It is an opportunity for you to talk to your child about why you think learning and school work are so important. Such a conversation will be a really good way of showing your child how much you support them and their education.

We ask all new students – those coming into Year 7 and those transferring to us mid-career from another school – and their parents to sign it and return it to school. We will assume that students in Years 8 to 11 and their parents have already signed it in Year 7 and support what is in the Agreement. There is no need to sign it again. It lasts for the whole of your child's school career.

After you have (both) signed one copy, please ask your child – if they are in Year 7 – to bring it back to school. You may keep the other copy. All the students in his/her tutor group will sign their Agreements next week.

Thank you for agreeing to play your part in the all-important three-way partnership between the school, the parents and the student. Many of you will have heard me describe this partnership as being like a triangle. The parents and the teachers are the bottom two corners and at the top, of course, is your child, our student. Welcome to another year of this three-way partnership for learning.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher
On behalf of the Governing Body