

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to a new academic year and for those who are joining us for the first time we very much look forward to getting to know you and your children over the next few months. I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer break and your children have enjoyed their first few days here at the Academy.

Although we look forward to the start of the new academic year it would be unfair for me not to summarise the fantastic results achieved by both our Year 11 and Year 13 students. As always, we were delighted with their achievements, with numerous students achieving above their potential alongside some remarkable stories of personal determination and endeavour. A record number of students achieved the very top grades at both A level and GCSE. Nine students achieved their place at the prestigious Oxford or Cambridge universities, four students secured their places to study medicine or veterinary medicine and one student was successful in gaining a scholarship to study in America. My congratulations to all of the students. The results were a true reflection of the exceptional hard work shown by all: students; staff; parents and carers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all for your support in our final summer fundraising event on the inflatable obstacle course. As an academy we raised an impressive £1355.60 which will be split between two charities, the NSPCC and the Teenage Cancer Trust, both of which are close to us as a community.

It has been truly delightful to speak with so many polite and smart young people and be able to watch them learn in their lessons over the last few days. It is our expectation that this will continue over the course of this year. During my assembly this week I have reminded all of the students of our motto of "Courage and Courtesy" and introduced them to our 5 new values: Aspiration; Inspiration; Respect; Resilience and Innovation. With your support we hope to support our students in developing these values while they are on their seven year journey with us. These are explained in more detail in your child's daybook should you wish to view further detail.

As with any major holiday the Academy has undergone its general maintenance but significant developments have taken place in Technology and to the main entrance to the Academy. Investment this summer can be seen in the development of our new state of the art food room and multi-purpose demonstration room. We are extremely pleased with the outcome and know our students will benefit from this, much improved, facility. In order to enhance our safeguarding procedures we have also invested on the security of the main site entrance from Cross O'Cliff Hill. There will be no change to the entrance and exit to the Academy during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, however, gates to the Academy will be secured during the day, access being secured through an intercom with the main office. Once this facility has been thoroughly tested I will issue further details of how to enter the site during the academy day.

I have listed below the names and roles of both the new teaching and support staff at the academy. I am sure you will join me in welcoming all new staff and wish them every success during their time with us.

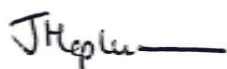
Mr T Verdon	Deputy Headteacher
Miss K Atkinson	Teacher of Mathematics
Mrs N Matheson	Teacher of Mathematics
Mr T Pendle	Teacher of Mathematics
Miss N Kane	Teacher of English
Miss J Bosier	Teacher of Science

Mrs I Curtis	Teacher of Science
Mr P Dickinson	Teacher of Science
Mr S Atkin	Teacher of Science
Mrs E Skipper	Teacher of Science
Mr D Hill	Science trainee, SCITT
Miss M Bush	Teacher of History
Mrs S Dickinson	History trainee, SCITT
Mr P Picknett	Teacher of Technology
Mrs S McGinley	Teacher of ICT
Miss Z Price	MFL trainee, SCITT
Mrs L Donnelly	Art trainee, SCITT
Mr A Bolton	Geography trainee, SCITT
Mr R Pilborough	PE trainee, SCITT
Mrs M Gray	Boarding House Administrator
Mr M Phillips	Art Technician
Mrs S Robinson	SEND Administrator
Mrs A Wilson	Catering Assistant
Mrs S Pitcher	Catering Assistant

Please can I remind you that much information can be found on our website and I urge you to continue to review our news section where you can view our life and activities here at the Academy. All Heads of Year have produced an Information Booklet for their students which is on the Pastoral and Safeguarding page of the Parents' section of the website. Year 7 parents and carers also received a copy of this at the information evening in July. Please can I encourage you to read this as it provides some up to date detailed information on how to support your child over the course of this year with some basic reminders such as how and who to contact at the Academy.

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming months.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Hopkinson