

29th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: General notices for a new academic year

I'd like to welcome you to the new academic year, which I hope has gone well so far.

This year, of our six core values we will be focussing on being kind and being respectful. This is a poignant message to give at this time of the year as we welcome new pupils to our school in Year 7 and 12. There are almost 300 new pupils across these years, and I stress that it is up to all of us to make every single one of them welcome. Our pupils are good at this, but it is not always perfect, so please do keep in touch with us over progress. I do hope that, whether your child is new to the school or not, they have enjoyed the first few weeks.

I write with some general notices for the start of the year.

Communication

I am pleased to announce that we will be producing a new weekly newsletter starting from next week. It is our hope that this will help you stay abreast of the key upcoming dates and events, but also that you will get a sense and flavour of the fabulous work that we do here from week to week. We hope you enjoy this new communication and if you have any feedback that you'd like to share please email Ms N Bell

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Exam results

Well done to our pupils who took public exams last year – I know that this was a particularly challenging time as this was first time that they had sat public exams.

All A' level results improved significantly from 2019 with a higher percentage of our students achieving higher grades. Just over 75% attaining grades A*-C. BTEC subjects also performed well with 87% of students attaining a Distinction* or Distinction. And lastly over 85% of Year 13 went on to study at their first choice university.

At GCSE, we also had similar successes; 75% of pupils achieving both English and Maths, 60% of GCSE passes at grades 9-7.

Thank you and well done to staff and students who worked hard to bring about this level of success.

Home - School Agreement

We believe in working in active partnership with parents and carers and so our home-school agreement sets out our aims, values, responsibilities, and our expectations. This can be found in your child's planner on page 6, if you have not done so already, can I ask parents of pupils in Years 7-11 to ensure this is signed by 5th October.

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Year group information evening

Thank you to parents who attended these evenings, I hope you found them useful and informative. Can I ask you to complete a short survey so that we can continue to improve these evenings for you.

[Survey link](#)

Enrichment

I'm pleased to announce that we have been trying to secure some really exciting enrichment opportunities for pupils to attend. Pupils will have an opportunity to find out more about what's on offer and sign up to clubs on 7th October, with clubs starting on 10th October.

Yours sincerely,



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