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Dear Parent/Carer

As we start a new academic year it is a good opportunity to provide you with important information and news about our school.

Firstly, thank you for ensuring your daughter starts the school year looking extremely smart in her correct school uniform. We take great pride in the standard of our uniform and clearly our pupils have immense regard for their appearance generally. May I remind parents and carers blazers are a compulsory part of our school uniform from year 7 to 11. Details of our uniform policy are on our website, in our Prospectus and in your daughter's planner. We would ask all parents to support this policy as agreed when your daughter took up a place at our school.

At GCSE a number of students achieved superb results with a large number of students achieving the top A* grade in more than one subject. In fact over a quarter of students achieved at least 3 A or A* grades in their results and with 16 students achieving 8 or more A or A* grades the school was rightly proud of their results this year.

The school achieved a pleasing 63% 5 A* - C including English and Maths maintaining this headline figure in a time of great turbulence for results within schools.

Many departments achieved record results and achieved significantly above the national average. The English Literature results were superb with 98% of students achieving A*- C and 35% achieved either a grade A or A*. Many other subjects performed superbly but our first year of triple science achieved a 100% grade A*- C and 58% of the students achieved a grade A or A*. Similarly our French results were excellent with 100% of students achieving A*- C and 83% achieving a grade A or A*. History was one our most improved departments with 85% achieving a pass and 38% achieving a grade A or A*.

This year's A level results show a further improvement in the grades achieved by our students with over a third (35.43%) achieving the top grades A*- B. Using ALPS as the national performance indicator, our VA score at A level indicates improvement equating to every student performing on average three quarters of a grade higher in each subject area than the previous academic year. The number of subjects taken per student has also increased together with the Teaching and Learning score at A level. Some students have decided that they wish to gain further work experience and many are completing apprenticeships or have taken up permanent employment posts while the majority of our students (80%) will be furthering their education at University, including many of the Russell Group universities such as Cambridge, King's College London and Queen's Belfast. We are proud of the achievements of all of our students and we congratulate them on their fantastic results and wish them every success for the future.

The results at AS were also very pleasing and the value added is improved in comparison to previous years. The ALPS VA score places us in the top 29% of schools nationally, indicating above average performance, a testament to the hard work of both students and staff.

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We continue to keep the profile of good attendance high, with your support our overall attendance has improved but we need to improve further. It is a proven fact that there is a significant relationship between a pupil's attendance at school and their academic progress. Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure our pupils are in school every day possible.

I am only allowed to authorise a holiday in term time in exceptional cases and it is very rare for me to do so. If you choose to take your daughter on holiday during term time a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £120 per parent per child of statutory school age could be issued. It is vital I explain this to you as I am mindful of the impact these fines will have on you and your family.

Throughout the summer holiday period we have had a programme of repair and refurbishment. We want our pupils to have the best learning environment possible and our Premises Staff work hard to ensure this is the case. Our school looks fabulous, staff and pupils alike appreciate it.

Our calendar is on the school website, a paper copy is available on request. As I am sure you will appreciate from time to time we need to make changes or adjustments to the dates or events we have published so please keep an eye on the website for updated news. There are a number of key events this half term which parents should attend.

On Monday 15th September we will be holding Year 12 Induction Evening; this will run from 6pm until 7pm. At 7pm parents are invited to attend Year 13 UCAS Information Evening and parents of Year 10 pupils are invited to attend our Year 10 Induction Evening at 6pm. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend as each of these sessions will be very helpful to you.

Our Open Evening is on Thursday 18th September from 4pm until 7pm. Pupils will be dismissed from school at 2pm on this day in order to allow staff time to make final preparations for this important event.

On Friday 26th September we will be celebrating Mercy Day. There will be masses and various activities to reflect the work done by the Sisters of Mercy, our Trustees. Pupils will finish at 2pm on this day.

We have an Outward Bound Residential, a Spanish Exchange Trip, a Halloween Disco, two School Council Meetings and various sporting events being held this half term, an indication of the busy lives of our pupils and the rich opportunities our school offers. Parents are the vital component, enabling their daughters to take full advantage of all we offer and encouraging them to put their God given talents to their optimum use.

Thank you for your continued support, I hope the year ahead is happy and successful for you, your daughter and our whole school community.

Yours sincerely

S A Clarke
Head Teacher

