

18 September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

As we step into a brand new academic year and students are settling into their routines, I wanted to take a moment to share the latest A Level and GCSE results and general information with our parents and carers.

A Level, GCSE and SATs results

After a summer of reported declines in grades nationally, we are pleased to share a good set of results across the school. As reported in the national press, Ofqual, the exams regulator has moved grading to pre-pandemic levels. This has impacted a significant number of schools, however, our students have continued to demonstrate their hard working nature and have improved upon last years' results in a number of measures.

- At A level – students performed well, with many students managing to secure their place at the most prestigious universities.
- At GCSE – the number of higher grades increased, with more students obtaining grade 7 (A and above) as well as an increased number of students obtaining grade 5 (considered a good GCSE pass equivalent to a C+/B-). As a result of this, we have welcomed the largest cohort of students into the Sixth Form in the school's history – with over 200 students starting in Year 12 for the first time.
- In primary phase, Y6 SATs results were again above national average. KS1 SATs and EYFS baseline assessments were also above national averages. So a very pleasing set of academic results across the board.

Many thanks to the hard work of the young people involved, their teachers and of course parents in making this all happen.

Behaviour routines

As a school we were delighted to be accepted on The National Behaviour Hub project in January 2023. This initiative has allowed us to reflect on both our policies and routines to ensure that our daily practice underpins our culture of becoming the very best we can be.

After examining our practice and routines, working groups were set up, and initiatives from these groups have been launched to students from day one on our return to school. One of the first interventions is a change in routine to both lesson starts and ends which will maximise lesson time and student outcomes for all learners. As new routines are embedded and become part of our culture, we will continue to strive for all our learners.

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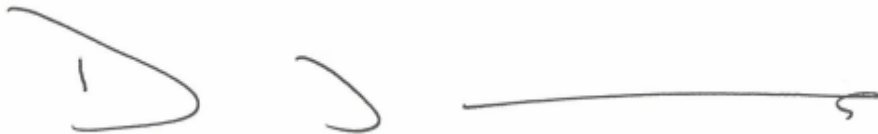
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Upcoming Dates

A reminder of some forthcoming key dates for your diary. More details will follow for each event as necessary:

- 20 September – Yr 1 Trip to The play village
- 28 September – Year 7 2024/25 Open Evening
- 3 October – Yr 7 – 11 Flu vaccines
- 5 October – Foundation Stage Literacy Information Workshops
- 6 October – Cadet exercise weekend
- 6 October – Individual Primary photos and Sibling Photos.
- 6-15 October – German Exchange students visiting.
- 12 October – Meet the Tutor (Secondary)
- 12 October – Foundation Stage Maths Information Workshops
- 16-20 October – EYFS Stay and Play week
- 17-19 October – Primary Parents' Evening
- 19-24 October – Year 11 Trip to New York
- 20 October – School closes (End of Term 1)
- 30 October – School re-opens (Start of Term 2)

Wishing you all a great week.



Mr David James
Principal