

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been lovely to welcome our students back to school for the new academic year. We have been impressed with the start that our young people have made to the term — many of my colleagues have remarked on their excellent behaviour, effort and high standards of uniform. I would just like to thank all of our parents and carers for their support in ensuring such a successful start to the new academic year.

I would also like to extend a big welcome to our new Year 7 students! We have tried really hard this week to ensure that all of our students feel supported with the transition to secondary school life. It was unfortunate that these students missed out on the full transition package in the summer term, but judging by the smiles on show this week, we are hopeful that they have settled quickly. Please do contact the Year 7 pastoral team if there is anything they can do to further support your child.

Whilst we continue to prioritise the safety of our students and staff with regards to our Covid-19 systems of control, it has been great to see some aspects of school life returning to what they were before the pandemic. Our students being able to access their full curriculum across specialist teaching rooms is an important aspect of returning to more normal routines. We are really grateful for how resilient our students have been over the past 18 months but are delighted that they can now have a more normal school experience.

As part of the academy's staged Class Charts launch, we are excited to inform you that the parent app is almost ready for you to access. Early next week, your child will bring home a letter highlighting your unique activation code. This is a fantastic platform that will help celebrate the successes of your child whilst in lessons and when part of the wider school community. Class Charts is an online system which staff use to track achievement and behaviour throughout the school day. One of the key benefits of using Class Charts is that we are able to securely share your child(s) achievements with you and to keep you up to date in real-time. The student app, whilst in its infancy, has been a real hit with students and I would encourage you to ensure they have downloaded the app to allow them to track their achievements.

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Finally, I want to highlight some changes to our senior and wider leadership team that have taken place this academic year.

Headteacher Mr S Wilson
Associate Headteacher Mr D Wobbaka
Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum) Mr R Bird

Assistant Headteacher (Safeguarding and Inclusion) Mrs K Ashbridge

Assistant Headteacher (Sulture and Climate)

Lead Practitioner (Early Career and Teaching and Learning)

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Head of Sixth Form

Mrs E Buckley

Mrs E Bull

Miss L Arnett

Director of English Mrs A Lowery
Director of Science Miss V Parker

Thank you for your continued support.

Director of Maths

Yours faithfully,

Philip

Mr S Wilson Headteacher