



5th September 2017

Dear Parent and Student

I would like to offer a very warm welcome to our new Year 7 students and to your parents. You are joining a wonderfully vibrant school community and I wish you every success in your five years here.

Welcome back to students in years 8-11. I hope you have had a great summer holiday and are looking forward to the term ahead.

Exam Results, Summer 2017

Our students in Year 11 and Year 13 achieved outstanding results and I would like to pass on my congratulations to them and thank their teachers for their hard work.

- 31% of all A Level examinations were passed at grades *A/A (national average 26%) and about one third of students passed all three A Levels at grades *A/A/B.

Results for Year 11 are equally impressive.

- 70% of students achieved 5 or more standard passes at GCSE, including English and Mathematics (this is the nearest equivalence to 5 passes *A-C).
- 22% of all entries in English Language were awarded the new grade 7 (nearest equivalence old grade A) against a national average of 14%.
- 27% of all entries in Mathematics were passed at grade 7 (national average 16%)
- 6.5% of entries in English Language achieved grade 9 (higher than an old *A) against a national average of 2.2%) and 4% achieved grade 9 in Maths (national average 3%).
- 3 of our students (Hannah Riley, Aimee Whitehead and Emma Jeffrey) achieved grade 9's in English Language, English Literature and Mathematics. Only 2000 students in the entire country achieved this.

This level of performance has been achieved in the context of significantly harder examinations and subject context, at both A Level and GCSE and is testimony to the hard work and ability of students and staff alike.

Expected Standards and Targets

As we review our own assessment processes in light of changing national demands we shall be setting new expected standards in Key Stage 3 and GCSE targets in Key Stage 4. A full explanation will be sent later in the term along with your son's/daughter's expected standards and targets.

Emergency Evacuations of School and 'Lockdown'.

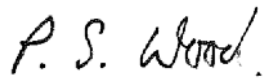
As part of our ongoing review of safeguarding we have developed procedures for 'lockdown', alongside those for evacuation of the school. Evacuation is used when we need to leave the premises in the event of fire or other risk inside the building. 'Lockdown' will be used on extremely rare and exceptional occasions should there be a risk to the safety of students and staff outside the building and will simply involve people remaining in their rooms, inside the building. Should parents hear that the school has applied 'lockdown' procedures we ask that you do not come to school to find out what has happened, for the obvious reasons that this would put yourself in potential danger.

Supervision at Bus Stops and Parking

I would like to remind parents and students that staff supervise students getting on to buses at the end of school **only** on Worsley Road and near the bus bay. At the end of last year some students were going to other bus stops, further away from school to board the same bus that subsequently picked up at school. Bus stops further away from school are not supervised by staff and so students should wait at school for buses.

Parents are reminded that gates into the car parks at school are locked between 8.30-9.00am and between 3pm and 3.30pm. Should you wish to bring or pick up your child to school in a vehicle please do not stop on the zig-zag lines around school as to do so is both illegal and dangerous to students.

Yours faithfully



P S Wood
Head Teacher