

Newsletter

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Keeping you informed

Dear Parent/Carers

It gives us great pleasure to write to welcome your son/daughter back to the start of this new academic year, with a special welcome to all our new students joining us for the first time. We wish them all the very best and we are confident that they will make excellent progress throughout the year.

Examination Results

As is the norm, we would like to share with you the recent examination results. We were, once again, delighted by the results the students gained at GCSE, AS and A2. Indeed, the results across the board were the best we have had since the Government changed the reporting criteria. Headline figures were 67% students gain 5 A* - C including English and Maths at GCSE with all students gaining a qualification in the studies they undertook.

36% of students gained the EBACC qualification which required them to gain grades A* - C in English, Maths, Science, a Humanities and a Modern Foreign Languages subject. This compares with the national figure of 22%.

The A2 results were exceptionally strong with 63% of all the examinations gaining either a B, A or A* grade. This has allowed all of our students who applied to University to gain placement at their first choice establishment. Well done to them all.

The AS results were also very strong as students continue to build on their successes at GCSE the previous year. These results were impressive and show a marked improvement on last year.

We are sure that the successes of our students has given them a sound foundation for them to go on to continue their studies or enter the world of employment. Well done to them all.

Staffing Update

At the end of last academic year we saw a number of staff retire or leave to move to promoted positions. The new staff who have joined us this year have settled in really quickly and are very keen to get to know the students as we commence the new term. A warm welcome to all the new staff who you will be able to meet at the forthcoming Parents' Evening.

Sponsored Walk

The annual sponsored walk is planned for this coming Friday (11th September). Your son/daughter should have received a sponsor form at the end of last term and we ask that you support them in raising sponsorship for the charities chosen by the students themselves. The walk will give us an opportunity to bring students together and bond with their tutor groups.

Share My Homework

One of the new initiatives introduced this year is 'Show My Homework' which is a web based programme that will allow you to monitor the homework issued to your son/daughter. This will overcome any difficulties students have had in the past with regards their homework. Please look out for more information on this new system which will be sent out to you shortly by post.

College Newsletter

As a reminder, please look out for the Newsletter which will be produced on a fortnightly basis throughout the year as this will contain lots of information about events etc within the College. This can be downloaded by clicking the 'Latest Newsletter' link on the front page of the College website

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