

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! The long summer holiday is now at an end and the new school year has begun.

The summer was rounded off by excellent examination results with 52% of the A level grades at A\*-B and a 100% pass rate. We improve our pass rates each year and this is another record setter. Some of our students scored a perfect set of A\*/A grades and there was success particular in these subjects:

Subject Name	% A* to A	% A* to B
Art & Des (Art, Craft & Des)	43%	71%
Art & Des (Photography)	50%	50%
Art & Des (Textile Design)	25%	75%
Biology -	14%	43%
Chemistry -	20%	27%
English Lit	12%	53%
Further Mathematics	40%	80%
Mathematics	38%	56%
Physics	43%	71%
Psychology	11%	39%
Sociology	33.33%	33.33%
Turkish	39%	62%

There was much discussion in the media about how students would fare at GCSE we were pleased with the results. The grading has changed with Grade 4 being the new grade C- so it is wonderful to report these results

Subject	% 9-4
Mathematics	61%
English	67%
English Literature	81%

Subject Name	% A* to C
Additional Science -	65%
Arabic -	100%
Art and Design -	92%
Art and Design (Photography) -	60%
Art and Design (Textile Des) -	73%
Biology -	99%
Business Studies - 4	62%
Chemistry -	96%
Computer Science -	88%
D & T: Product Design -	65%
Economics -	83%
Persian -	100%
Physics -	99%
Religious Studies B -	58%
Science -	72%
Sociology -	80%
Turkish -	100%

At the end of last term we informed the students about changes to the structure of the school day.

The day runs as follows:

8.25am	Students arrive
8.30am	Lesson 1
9.30am	Lesson 2
10.30am	Break 1
11.05am	Lesson 3
12.05pm	Lesson 4
1.05pm	Break 2
1.40pm	Lesson 5
2.40pm	Tutor time
3.00pm	End of the School Day

We have always stated that children should be in school by 8.25am and it may be advisable for you to time arrangements for them to be at school by 8.20am so that they have the time to get to their first classroom for a prompt start. Hot food is available at both break times and we are hoping that this will provide a better balance in the school day, enabling the children to have a break of an appropriate length as well as enabling Tutors to respond to any issues before the end of the school day.

We welcome new staff to our school. To our Leadership Team we welcome Ms Philippou who will lead on Transition and Mr Bucho who will lead on the Sixth Form.

We are also pleased to welcome the following new staff:

To the Primary Phase- Miss Anastasiou, Miss Davis, Miss Giordani, Ms Gkoratsa, Miss Kelly, Mrs Tottenham.

To the Secondary Phase: Ms Anyanwu (Mathematics), Mr Azhar (History), Mr Balachandran (Science), Mr Bartlett (Geography), Mr Blankson (Science), Ms Bogazkaya (Mathematics), Mr Burridge (Science), Ms Carew (English), Miss Dodwell (Art), Ms Dreelan (Science Technician), Mr Fearon (Inclusion Student Placement), Mr Griffiths (SH&D), Ms Housiaux (MFL), Mr Hudson (Science Technician), Ms Lakhani (Science), Mr Ogidi (Business Studies), Ms Page (MFL), Mr Panayiotis (Science), Ms Riznar (Geography), Mr Sakoulas (Business Studies), Mr Simion (English) and Mrs Uddin (Student Manager)

We wish all our new colleagues success in their roles and welcome them to our school.

The next major school event is our Secondary Open Evening on Thursday 28 September 2017- and on this date the secondary school will close early at 1pm to enable the staff to prepare. The following day (Friday 29 September 2017) the whole school will be closed to students as we will be holding one of our INSET days for staff training.

Yours faithfully,

**Dr S M Tranter**  
**Executive Headteacher**