



We Make A Difference

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to write to you at the beginning of the new academic year.

I am pleased to report that most students have made a fantastic start to the new academic year. Our Year 7s have settled nicely and got into the new routines for learning exceptionally well. The Year 12s have also made an impressive start and have begun their post-16 studies with great enthusiasm and maturity. I am particularly pleased to share that we have had a record number of students join the Sixth Form this year which in turn is enabling us to offer a wider curriculum offer at Key Stage 5.

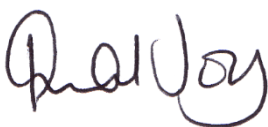
All students who have attended this week have received a Headteacher's welcome assembly which provided students with an update on changes for this year; reminders on expectations and conduct; and priorities for each year group. I cannot stress enough the importance of good attendance/punctuality and behaviours for learning. Both of these are key to academic and social development.

We want all our students to achieve their full potential at the school to improve their life chances in the future. With this in mind, we are keen to understand the barriers to good attendance where it is a concern so that support plans can be put in place with parents to improve the matter. There is a city-wide strategy to improve attendance levels in schools and we will also seek support from outside agencies to improve students' attendance where it is a concern.

Students have also been informed of changes in how attitudes to learning will be graded this year for the termly reports to parents. Please find attached a copy of the criteria and gradings. This will give you an understanding of teachers' expectations and our aspirations for all students to have good or better attitudes to their learning.

Thank you for your continued support for the school and I look forward to sharing further school developments and plans in the near future.

With very best wishes,



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