



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.

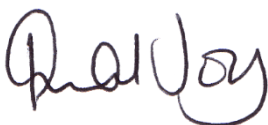
I am pleased to report that our students have made a fantastic start to the new academic year. Year 12s have made an impressive start and have begun their post-16 studies with great enthusiasm and maturity, and Year 13s have modelled excellent study habits and attitudes for learning. I am particularly 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 priorities; changes for this year and reminders on expectations and conduct. I cannot stress enough the importance of good attendance/punctuality and behaviours for learning. Both of these are key to academic success. We want all our students to achieve their full potential in the Sixth Form to improve their opportunities and life chances in the future. Please find attached a copy of the Sixth Form Attendance Policy, which has been updated for 2023. I draw your attention in particular to the change that students can no longer self-certify their absence, this must come from parents/carers.

Students have also been informed of changes in how attitudes to learning will be graded this year for the termly reports to parents. Please also 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. I would like to invite Y12 parents/carers to our Welcome Evening, which will take place on **Thursday 21st September from 6-7pm in the hall**. You will receive more detailed information about this next week from Mr Gardiner, our Head of Sixth Form.

With very best wishes,



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Headteacher