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Dear Parent/Carer

It is fantastic to welcome everybody back. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer. It has been a busy summer around the school site with lots of work on the IT infrastructure and replacement of old computers. Students will feel the benefit of this.

We are again celebrating some great results for the class of 2017. 79% passed English 76% passed maths with a record number of A and A* grades. As well as maths and English, the following subjects were also significantly above national average; science, history, business, French, Spanish, German, IT and RE.

We are delighted to welcome the largest year 7 group to the school for many years and will be ensuring over the next few weeks that they settle into secondary school expectations. Over the coming weeks Mr Vice, Ms McGeough and Mrs Ridley will be working closely with the year group.

Mr Vice is with us for the year as a seconded Associate Principal. He will be focussing on year 7 and working with Ms Gibbons and in developing our new SEN team. Can I also take the opportunity to welcome the following new staff;

Ms Potten in MFL who we are happy to say is now with us permanently and Ms Laker who is joining the maths team.

We also welcome Mr Aylward (ICT), Mrs MacWilliam (English), Ms Leddy (Science) and Mrs Thomas (Study Supervisor).

Ms Howell and Mr Verniol will also be having extended roles this year as Associate Assistant Principals.

We will be writing to you all in the next few days with a new homework policy. Thank you to all the parents who got involved to help shape this.

I look forward to working with you all during the year.

Open Evening - Thursday 28th September

This is one of the most important evenings in the annual calendar and many of the students help to show the school in the best possible light. If your son or daughter is helping out you will be given a letter to sign and return to confirm your agreement to them attending. School finishes at the end of the morning session on Thursday to allow us to prepare for Open Evening but also allow students to have a break before they come back to help. Due to the late finish we are then starting late on Friday morning and students have to be in school at 9.50 a.m. for the start of period 2.

Jeans for Genes Day - Friday 22nd September

A non-uniform day will take place on Friday 22nd September in support of "Jeans for Genes", a charity which helps research into genetic abnormalities. We ask for a donation of £1.00 per student for your son or daughter to attend school on the day in jeans or other non-uniform suitable clothing for the school day. Children of parents who do not contribute will not be treated any differently.



Please note that this is a non-uniform day and not an opportunity to alter hair, colour or hairstyle, even if on a temporary basis. This is an event we are proud to support on an annual basis and our goal this year is to raise more than £1000.00 for the charity.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Francies', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Francies
Principal