

JWM/KR

14 September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

The school year has started in a really positive way. Our new Year 7 and Year 12 students have settled well following induction programmes and the Year 7 are currently enjoying visits to Walesby Forest.

Examination Results

At GCSE, the Government has introduced new performance measures by which schools will be judged. Year 11 students were the first year group to sit the more challenging exams in English and Maths, which are now graded 9-1. Our students recorded exceptional results:

- 80% achieved grades 9-4 in English and Maths
- 65% achieved grades 9-5 in English and Maths
- 43% achieved the EBacc (English at 9-5, Maths at 9-5 then C or higher in Sciences, Humanities and Languages). Once again, this is the highest in the County.
- 34% of all grades at GCSE were graded A* or A or the equivalent 9-7 in English and Maths.

At A Level our students achieved stunning results, once again placing the school amongst the top performing schools nationally.

These impressive results reflect the incredible effort shown by our staff and students and I would like to congratulate all of our students on their achievements.

Key Dates

You should have received a copy of the school calendar. **I would like to draw your attention to our early closure (2pm) on Wednesday 20th September**, to facilitate the Year 6 Open Evening.

Uniform

Our students look stunning in their uniforms! Thank you for your support in this. As Autumn approaches, I would like to remind you that coats, bags and scarves must be black, and that skirts and trousers must be grey.

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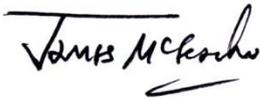
Health & Safety

I would like to ask for your support in a matter concerning the health and safety of our students. A large number of parents are driving onto the school site in the morning and afternoon to drop off/collect their children. This is causing safety issues for our students as they enter/exit on foot. It is also creating congestion within the school grounds as cars queue to leave the site. A further problem we have encountered is that the visitor car park is now often full at the end of the day. As a result of this some visitors, who have official appointments at school, have been unable to park on site and have been late for their meeting.

You are able to drop off/pick up at the Harvester Restaurant (a few minutes' walk from the school) but not at ROKO or just across the traffic lights from school on Heathervale, as there is severe congestion there.

I look forward to working closely with you all this year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James McGeachie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first name and a flourish at the end.

James McGeachie
Headteacher