

September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for supporting your child's return to school; smart and equipped for the year ahead. Students have settled well into lessons both at upper and lower school sites and are rising to the high expectation we have of them. Students have all been issued with yearly planners and these are intended to help them with their organisation, there are also literacy and numeracy support included within the planner.

We have replaced SIMs Learning Gateway (SLG) for our data and assessment reporting and have invested in a new system called Go4Schools. We will be sending out information in the very near future on how parents will be able to access school reports and other information about their child.

In all assemblies we have reminded students about the importance of attendance and punctuality and your support in this area is much appreciated. Our pastoral teams are available if you have any concerns you need to discuss.

Heads of Year sent newsletters last year which were well received and gave information appropriate to parents in the respective year groups. They will continue to send these to keep you updated.

We have a busy and exciting year ahead and one of our major evenings is 'Open Evening' where we welcome prospective year 6 and 5 children to have a look around the school. **'Open Evening' this year takes place at upper school only, on Thursday 5 October 2017 from 5pm to 8pm** and on this day all students years 7-13 will be **leaving the site at 1.45pm**. After a successful trial last year, we will again have an additional opportunity for these parents to see the **Lower School** site during the day on **Friday 6 October between 10am and 4pm**. This additional opportunity has been arranged to make it easier for parents to see both sites. The following school bus services will be available at 1.45pm on Thursday 5 October, from Upper School 617, 505, 615, 125, 126 and from Lower School, 574 and 615.

We are very proud of our year 11 and year 13 students who achieved some excellent results in the summer and many of whom have remained in the sixth form or have gone on to university, apprenticeships or employment. Indeed, our sixth form is officially described as 'excellent' with results amongst the best 25% of school sixth forms and colleges nationally. We cordially invite parents of our year 11 and even year 10 students to attend our **'Sixth Form Open Evening' on Wednesday 18 October between 5pm and 8pm** to meet the staff in sixth form and learn about the opportunities post 16.

We look forward to working with you over the coming months.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Roach
Headteacher