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Dear Parents

As the first week of the new school year draws to a close, I would like to say how well the week has gone and I look forward to the term ahead. It was a pleasure to welcome students back to school looking very smart and ready for school. I have held an assembly with all students and set out 3 key attributes I want them to demonstrate: Resilience, Aspiration and Ambition. I have also set Respect at the forefront of everything they do. I would like you to work with the school to reinforce these with students. These attributes are key to student success.

During August we held a 3-day summer school for new Year 7 students and 90 students attended. Regency Camp, who led the summer camp said our students were "the most polite, respectful students they had worked with". Well done to all who attended.

### **Achievements this summer**

In August we were very pleased to congratulate our GCSE and A Level students on their excellent exam results. 71.4% of our Year 11 students achieved five or more passes at grade 4 and above. We are delighted to welcome a very high number of students into our Sixth Form this year. Our Year 13 students achieved outstanding results with 85.9% of A Level grades being A\*-C. One in nine students achieved straight As.

We wish all of our Year 13 students luck as they move on to the next phase in their lives. Most are going to university to study a range of exciting subjects at excellent universities. Medicine at King's College London, Law at the University of Bristol, Politics and Philosophy at the University of Sheffield, Physics at the University of Manchester, Optometry at Aston University, Geology at the University of Liverpool, Pharmacy at the University of Birmingham, Architecture at the University of Nottingham, Business and Management at the University of Leicester, Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of Southampton, and Music at Durham University. These are just a few of the exciting things that our students will be going on to this autumn.

### **Welcome**

We welcome the following members of staff:

Ms E Fleury, Teacher of Science, Ms J Frackowiak Teacher of French, and Teaching Assistants Mrs P Carrasco, Mr R Lodhi and Miss M Lowe.

Additionally, the following staff have new responsibilities:

Mrs S Cajkler and Mr D Hawkes, Assistant Principals, Mr N Joshi, Head of Year 7, Mr L Leonard, Head of Music, Mr P McCaughey, Vice Principal, Miss L Ukah, Head of Year 8, Mrs J White, Interim Director of Sixth Form.

### **Student Planners**

Each student has been issued with a new planner for the year. Each family should read the various agreements at the front of the planners and sign these. The planner is specially created for our school and it is a very useful tool for learning. It is also expensive and should be looked after carefully. Graffiti is not permitted in planners. Should a student lose their planner it must be replaced. Planners are reissued at the cost price of £5 from the School Shop.

### **Uniform and Standards**

You will appreciate that at the beginning of the year it is important to see the standards for our community. The behaviour, uniform and dress codes including 'How we wear our uniform' are all set out in the student's planners.

May I draw everyone's attention to several aspects to which we need to return in full.

- 1) Hair. Our rules are that hair may not be dyed a colour which is not a natural colour. This also applied to any extensions.
- 2) The only permitted ear jewellery is a pair of studs, one in each ear in the bottom lobe. Tattoos and body piercings are not permitted.
- 3) Hoodies are not part of the uniform and should not be worn.
- 4) Reminder that phones may not be used during the school day or at break and lunchtime, Phones should not be taken out on the school drive or in the vicinity of the school in Anstey Lane.

**ID Badges**

We have this year as part of our continuing review of safeguarding procedures issued every student with a lanyard. They must display these at all times while on school site.

**Cars on Site**

Parents are asked not to bring cars onto the site and to be considerate to neighbours and other road users on Anstey Lane.

**Bikes**

Students are encouraged to bring bikes to school but they must be locked up. Students who cycle to school should use a helmet.

**Pre-loved Uniform**

We had great success with pre-loved uniform last academic year with many parents taking advantage of this provision. If you have any uniform that is too small and in good condition, please could you donate it to the school reception. We will open a pre-loved uniform shop once a month. I will confirm dates in the coming weeks.

**Students on Site**

Can I remind parents that students should not be on school site before 7.30 a.m. There is no supervision for students until 8.00 a.m. where they can access school breakfast.

**Parents' Information Meetings this term**

Year 7 X Band (Alban, Campion, Clitheroe and Fisher) Information Evening – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4.30 – 5.30pm

Year 7 Y Band (Line, More Sherwin and Ward) Information Evening – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 5.45 – 6.45pm

Year 8 Information Evening – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 5.00 – 6.00pm

Year 9 Information Evening – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 5.00 – 6.00pm

Year 10 Information Evening - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 5.00 – 6.00pm

Year 11 Information Evening and Careers Fair – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 4.30 - 5.30pm

Year 12 & 13 Information Evening – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 5.00 – 7.00pm

Year 12 & 13 Careers Fair – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 5.30 – 6.30pm

**Open Evening**

Open Evening for Sixth Form (for students in Year 11) will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 5.00 – 6.45pm

Open Evening for Admission to Year 7, 2024 (for students in Year 6) will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 5.00 – 6.45pm.

With all good wishes to our students for a very successful year ahead.

Yours sincerely



M Calen  
Principal