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Dear Parent/Carer

It was a pleasure to welcome learners back to school in their smart new uniforms, thank you for all your support in making this an overwhelming success. As with all new initiatives we have experienced some teething problems but are working hard to resolve the issues raised. The vast majority of learners are now in correct uniform, standards are extremely high and we will work to maintain this as the term progresses.

Summer exam results were positive and as expected. Well done to all our year 10 and 11 learners gaining qualifications this summer. A guide to the new GCSE results is overleaf.

You should have all received a standards booklet over the summer, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Year Manager.

We are awaiting news on the appointed contractor for the new school building, this is due any day and will be communicated with the school community following the announcement by the Department for Education.

Important Dates This Term

Year 11 Information Evening – 11 October

Half term – 23/27 October inclusive

Year 7 Parents Evening – 22 November

Inset Day – 22 December

Christmas break – 21 December – return to school 8 January 2018

I am looking forward to a happy, hard-working and successful year for all our learners.

Yours faithfully



Nicola Cooper
Principal

Ofqual Guide to 2017 Results

Source: Department for Education

		New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	New GCSEs are grading from 9 to 1, with 9 being the highest grade.	9 8 7	A*
8	The new grades signal that more challenging content has been studied.		
7	The new grades better differentiate between students' abilities.		
6	English and maths are graded 9 to 1 this year. All others are A* to G.	6 5 4	B
5	Fewer grade 9s are being awarded than A*s.		
4	Students who do not achieve a grade 4 or above in English and maths will need to continue to study these subjects.		
3	Employers, universities and colleges have been told that grade 4 is the nearest equivalent to a grade C.	3 2 1	D E
2	Ofqual has ensured that this year's students have not been disadvantaged by being the first to take the new GCSEs.		
1	This table shows how the new 9 to 1 grades compare with A* to G.		
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