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Dear parents and carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children back to school today. They've arrived in a positive frame of mind, smiling and, in many cases, much, much taller than when we last saw them. Our lessons were running as usual by 10.40am, after an extended tutor time, and as I walked around the school, I could see the students have resumed their learning with their typical excellent effort.

I'd like to particularly welcome our Year 7 and Year 12 students, along with any family members who are joining our community for the first time. Both cohorts have made a brilliant start to this new stage in their learning.

Results

The students who have just received their results have performed extremely well and I wanted to take a moment to congratulate them. Our average A-level grade increased, and is above the local-authority average, whilst a full fifth of our children achieved AAB grades of better, above the national average. Our average GCSE grade, already above the national average, increased again (the third year in a row!), as did the percentage of children achieving grade 4+, 5+ and 7+ in both English and maths. I hope the students are very proud of themselves and their achievements.

Site Safety: Travelling to and from school

I would like to take this opportunity to share our routines for pick-up and drop-off with those of you who are new to us. These arrangements are designed with the safety of children in mind, as we try to keep the hundreds of children walking to and from school, along a narrow pavement, safe whilst managing the entry and exit of numerous coaches and minibuses with limited space to park and turn.

In order to keep children safe, we are unable to allow cars to freely enter or exit our carpark between 8.25am and 8.45am in the morning, or between 3.00pm and 3.30pm in the afternoon. If you are arriving early to park and wait for a drop off or pick up please make sure you avoid using the marked bus bays. I know that during the first few days of a new school, parents will want to come onto the site. Now that the new students are more used to our routines, I would very much appreciate your support with this.

The first day and week back is always a shock to the system for students, and I am sure they will appreciate the shortened week. I hope they've enjoyed being back as much as we've enjoyed having them, and we look forward to seeing them again on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

John Holmes
Headteacher