

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new term, to our new girls and our new staff! The new staff are Mr Hill (Religious Studies) and Mrs Gierl (German and French). Mrs Whawell (English) is covering Mrs Hickey's maternity leave, Mrs Downing (Mathematics) is covering Mrs Tickle's maternity leave and Mrs Bates (Drama and English) is covering for Ms Tickle's absence. Our needs in the Careers' Department are being looked after by Mrs Morris until Mrs Mee returns in November. We have also welcomed Mrs Lisa Connor as our Fundraising Manager, Miss Beth Cook as our Marketing Officer, and Mrs Lynn Hill will be leading the Bursar's Department from next week.

I would also like to update you on our examination success this summer. Our Y11 students rose to the challenge of the changes to linear examinations and achieved some highly commendable results. It is difficult to compare the letter grades of A*/A to the numbered grades of 9 to 1 at GCSE, especially as our iGCSE Mathematics is still under the older system, but even so at MTGS our results are outstanding:

GCSE	National Av	MTGS	A Level	Nat av	MTGS
A*/A	21%	67%	A*/A/B	53%	67.7%
9/8/7	18%	70%			

At A level, over two-thirds (67.7%) achieved the top grades of A*-B which is an excellent achievement considering the uncertainty of the assessment with the new, more rigorous specifications and of course we focus our curriculum on the more demanding subjects. I have included the graphical data of courses and destinations, but would like to note that 6 of our girls are studying medicine, 7 are studying Law with various other subjects and 6 choosing other science-related subjects. Two girls have secured highly sought-after apprenticeships and we have another two studying different forms of engineering (one at Oxford). In terms of the Universities, the top destinations are Liverpool and Leeds, and we are also thrilled about the Art Foundation course at the top university of Goldsmith's in London.

Our Prize Giving guest speaker for this year is Old Girl, Clare Lilley, CEO of the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, and I do hope you will be able to come and celebrate the year's achievements with us. Our Open Days are Thursday 5th October and Saturday 7th October, with the Sixth Form Open Evening on 17th October; please come and visit the school, and bring a friend too!

I hope that you have received the Dates' List for the term and we would like to see all parents at our welcome / information evenings. The Governors have selected a recruitment company for the process of appointing a new Head and the advertisements will be published this week, whilst in School we are continuing our busy schedule of activities and learning. The Enrichment Fair takes place this week and we would ask that you encourage your daughter to participate.

I wish everyone, new and more established a happy and successful term ahead.

Kind regards

Louise Robinson

