



Magazine

Inline

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the latest addition of Inline. As I write we are nearing the end of our long building programme. The construction company, Wates, tell us that the works will be completed in July which will allow us to hold an official opening ceremony on Tuesday 5th September. We are very hopeful of getting a high profile VIP or two to attend. It has been a painful process at times but the result is a beautiful new building that matches the outstanding nature of our school. Over the next few months we will be getting new PE changing rooms, a Multi-Use Games Area and an astroturf pitch. You may remember that we decided to review the school day to help us to cope with the restricted accommodation for the building project. Splitting the lunches and breaks (ensuring that years 7-9 have been separate from years 10-11) has been so successful in reducing behaviour incidents that we have decided to keep this arrangement going forward.

The government's latest data shows that we have remained significantly above the national figure for Progress 8 (the government's main indicator for measuring schools). Our maths results are in the top 8% for student progress and our science results are in the top 9%. The sociology results are in the top 1% for the country. These results don't happen by accident and reflect the dedication and hard work of our students and staff. We are entering a period of uncertainty in education as GCSE grades are replaced by numbers and are working hard to ensure that we adapt to the new curricula.

Our attendance (96.7%) is hovering close to the magical figure of 97%. All of the data we have shows that excellent attendance has a direct link to results. Please strive with us to improve this figure. Holidays during term time set our young people back as it is impossible to truly recreate a lesson by catching up at home.

As you can see from the articles in this magazine, our students continue to shine in a range of areas outside the curriculum. This is important to us. School should be about more than simply achieving the highest exam results. I am particularly delighted with the appointment of our new librarian. Sue Shaper is a fellow of CILIP (the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals) and brings to our school a wealth of experience in encouraging young people to read. If our students are to achieve the best outcomes in life they must read widely and often. I hope that you will continue to encourage your child to read regularly. We recommend at least 40 minutes per day for years 7-8 and 20 minutes per day for years 9-11.

It only remains for me to thank you for all of your support during the past year and to wish you all a bright future.

Mr Ian Wilson
Headteacher