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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School and I hope that the first week of school was enjoyable for your son or daughter.

We are again delighted with our overall GCSE results. I know that the new headline measures for schools are confusing, so to give a little context to the results – 78% of our pupils achieved a grade 4 – 9 in English and Maths (Grade 4 is equivalent to the 'old' grade C) and when combining all pupils' grades in all subjects, the average grade is above grade 5; with a quarter of all grades at or above grade 7 (the 'old' grade A).

As a school, we would like to pass on our sincere congratulations to all pupils for your fantastic examination achievements. As well as the many outstanding individual performances we are equally as proud of the pupils as they mature into lovely young adults during their time at our school. We wish the Class of 2019 every success in their future endeavours. This success is only possible because of the tremendous partnership we enjoy with our parent body and we would also like to thank parents and carers for your time, work and unflinching support of the school which is greatly appreciated.

Attendance at school is clearly one of the most important contributory factors in ensuring our pupils excel academically, personally, socially, morally and spiritually. Could I politely request that parents and carers avoid taking pupils out of school during term time as national guidelines dictate that they will be 'unauthorised' and a fine may be the result.

Please ensure that you keep up-to-date with all the news from school by viewing our website, following on Twitter @SEACHS1961 and downloading the 'My Ed' app from the 'App Store' or 'Play Store'.

As a school, we pride ourselves on our standards of uniform. Please support us in ensuring that your son or daughter leaves home dressed in the correct uniform every day so that every pupil can have a positive start to the day. Could I also please ask that parents/carers remind your son or daughter that we expect the highest levels of conduct when they travel to and from school, especially when using public transport.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or if you have any ideas on how we can further improve our school.

Yours faithfully



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