

8th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and it has been really lovely to welcome our students back this week. We had Years 1 - 7 and Year 12 on Tuesday followed by the rest of the Upper School on Wednesday. We are now looking forward to welcoming our new reception cohort on Monday and our school will be full again!

I wrote to you all earlier in the week in regards to the issue that many schools are facing in regard to RAAC and the implications should RAAC be found in a school building. I just want to reiterate to you all once again, that this is **not** an issue both of our schools face and we will continue to be open as normal and that our school site is safe.

I want to talk a little about our examination results from the summer and how immensely proud we all are of year 6, Year 11 and Year 13 students. Our Year 6 results were above the national average in every aspect this year and some of the results were exceptional. Year 11 once again achieved incredibly well with a huge number of grade 9s as well as the entire year group being above national figures for progress. In Year 13, we had a number of students achieve the highest grades in every subject! A very successful year across the board and many of our students have now secured their place in some of the most prestigious universities. As parents involved in our school community, you should be very proud of the hard work and diligence that led to our success.

Now that we have welcomed our students back and celebrated last year's success, we turn our attention to our School Open Evening for prospective parents of our next year 7. Our Open evening event is on Thursday 21st September. It is an opportunity to talk to our staff, meet our fantastic students and have a look at our specialist facilities and resources. For any parent wishing to send their child to our Upper School, it is a very important event.

Please note that our Upper School **only** will be closing slightly early on this day to allow for preparation for the evening event and will re-open slightly later the following morning. Times will be confirmed to our parents in the coming week.

The weather has been challenging this week but a timely reminder for everyone - as well as full school uniform and all equipment, please make sure that your son/daughter has a water bottle so it can be refilled. The temperatures return to a little more normal next week, but having water and keeping hydrated is essential for everyone.

On a final note this week, I want to provide a brief update on the repair work to our Upper School main corridor following the fire in January. Work is progressing extremely well and we

are hoping that early next month we will have the main reception completed. It has been a huge undertaking but please bear with us whilst the work is concluded.

The sun is set to continue shining this weekend, so whatever your plans, please have a good one.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Denial', with a stylized, flowing script.

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**Executive Headteacher**