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Dear Parents and families

Firstly, I hope you've had a great summer and managed to make the most of the good weather we had in July and early August. If you were lucky enough to get away on holiday then I hope you enjoyed that but even if you stayed at home and spent some great family time together as I did with my family, then I hope you made the best of it too.

Year 11 Results.

Year 11 results this year were excellent and again an improvement on previous years. English and maths stand out as high performing departments which is so important for young people to have access to, but many other departments have performed very well which we're all really proud of. We are particularly proud of the number of students this year that have gained the very top GCSE grade 9s, many of which will go on and have excellent post-16 experiences now and then onwards and upwards up to university level.

As I've said many times to you previously in other letters, we've remained deeply proud of our Year 11 cohort last year, who regardless of the challenges they faced from Covid, rolled up their sleeves and did a magnificent job alongside staff to tackle everything that came in their way. Well done to all of them and a particular well done to Mr Palmer who provided the strategic exam support for Year 11 throughout the year and will do so again this year for the current group.

New Staff.

I've shared with you previously that we had a couple of key staff who left us at the end of last year to pursue new challenges but we are absolutely delighted to welcome the following staff who join the Wapping High team this year:

Mr. Chad Calderbank - Head of Art

Mr. George Lewis - Head of Design Technology/Food Tech

Ms. Nadine Wright - Teacher of Technology

Ms. Samiya Rahman - Teacher of English

Mr. Samuel Cross - Teacher of Music

Mrs. Imane Aliane - Trainee Teacher of Maths

Ms. Lacey Ronan - Trainee Teacher of English

Ms. Gabrielle Vincent - Science Technician

Mr. Matthew Owen - Technician

British Council International Award.

I am so excited to share with you that we were successful over the summer break in achieving the British Council's highest award and we are now formally a fully accredited 'British Council International School'. We were also successful in our bid for significant additional funds from the Turing Scheme which will support school links and trips to countries around the world including Colombia, Spain and India. These will all be fully or majoritively funded by us and are an exciting opportunity for our young people here at WHS. As you know our commitment to providing the very best broadened horizon experience here at the school remains undaunted and all of the above, with some excellent Language results at GCSE level this year, and our commitment to providing language learning in Spanish and Mandarin Chinese for everyone to access makes the school truly stand out here. My huge thanks go to Ms Ingram who has worked tirelessly on this project on behalf of the school and will continue to retain our full support in the future here.

New Leadership structure.

I am fairly sure that you will be aware that I have stepped down from my role as Headteacher which I've held at the school since 2017. From the beginning of this year, I'm now already very active in my new role of Executive Headteacher, allowing me to perform a more strategic role at school and Trust level in the future which I will constantly keep you updated on.

As I've said previously, I am so very pleased that Mr Raw takes on the newly created Head of School role at WHS and will ensure that the school carries on as normal and continue to both perform well but remain committed to improve even further for the good of all our amazing young people.

Finally, I am confident this will be a great year for the school and if your son or daughter is ready to work hard and involve themselves in all the great opportunities that the school provides for them they will do fantastically well.

My very best wishes



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