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Dear Parents/Carers

May I take this opportunity to welcome everyone back for this new academic year. Whilst there will be a full newsletter later this month I wanted to share with you some very important news about our exam results and the outcome of the Ofsted inspection on 11th and 12th July.

A Level

We are absolutely delighted with another set of outstanding A level results. 22 subjects achieved a 100% pass rate including the Engineering Subjects of Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics and Technology with an overall pass rate in all subjects in excess of 99%. Individual performances have been exceptional with a significant number of A* grades enabling access to Cambridge University for Rebecca Stephens to study Modern and Medieval Languages, Oxford University for Ronnie Rogers to study Theoretical Physics, Elliot Brooker commences a course in French and German at Southampton University, Akshitha Kesharaju will study Medicine at the University of Bristol, Nikita Kesharaju joins Imperial College London to study Computing and James Taylor will study Physics with Mathematics at the University of Southampton.

All Sixth Form students should be congratulated on their tremendous achievements and I will be publishing a list of all university destinations of our students in the next newsletter when details are confirmed. Despite all the speculation about accessing universities this year, I am pleased to let you know that all those who wanted to go to university have been successful in doing so. We also have a number of students who have gone on to highly valued apprenticeships and paid employment. A real success story!

AS Level

These are examinations sat by students in their first year of A level courses and, once again, the results have been extremely good, which bodes well for their A level examinations in 2012.

GCSE

76% of students achieved 5 or more A* to C grades and 63% achieved 5 or more A* to C including English and Maths. Individual students' results have been impressive with a significant number of A* and A grades; Caitlin Willis, Alice Tustian, Ryan Condron, Emily Collier and Sorcha Turner-Wallace all achieved 10 or more A* to A grades, they all commence A level courses in September to pursue future careers in areas such as Medicine, Engineering and Veterinary Science.

These results are a reflection of the hard work that has taken place and we all look forward to the students' continued success as they commence courses and employment opportunities of their choice.

OFSTED Inspection

As you are aware we had a full inspection at the end of a very busy year in July and I am delighted to let you know that we have been given an **Outstanding** grading again! This is a remarkable achievement for any school given the demanding standards which are expected under the new inspection rules.

There is so much in the report which is excellent so rather than just select highlights, I thought you would be very pleased to have a full copy. I have thanked the staff and students for the fantastic contribution they made during the inspection and I wanted to express my personal thanks to all parents who supported us and in particular, your responses to the questionnaires. The report will be on the DfE website next week and on our own website in the next couple of days.

I will be writing to you again in the next few weeks with key dates and exciting news about our extensive building programme which is nearing completion.

In the meantime we are all very much looking forward to another very successful year and I know with your continued support this can be achieved.

Yours sincerely

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