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4th September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

A very warm welcome to the new school year and I hope you had a very pleasant summer.

We had two very successful exam results days in August. We saw a jump in A Level results with an increase in A*-B grades compared to last year, and more students being accepted onto very competitive university courses. We were thrilled that two students secured places at Cambridge and Oxford universities, and a place at medical school was accepted by one of our students. On GCSE results day we had very many delighted students - we had improvements in many subjects compared to last year. In Maths, our students' progress was well above what student achieved nationally and one of our students achieved overall results within the top 1% nationally. On both results days, we also had excellent vocational results with a very high proportion of Distinction and Merit grades.

The quality of education we are providing continues to improve – we have a broad curriculum for students of all abilities and exam results continue to improve. Following our involvement with Channel 4's The Secret Teacher, and through support from other sources, we have managed to make some significant improvements over the summer. We have ensured that we are both fully staffed with the right people at a time when there continues to be a national shortage of teachers. We have invested heavily in new Design & Technology, IT, Media and Photography resources – we have well over 100 new PCs in school for students to use in their lessons and all other classroom PCs have been upgraded. We also have two brand new, fully refurbished Science laboratories, which look simply brilliant and will support our continued improvements in Science.

As communicated previously, we will be having a new building to replace our existing English and Humanities, and our small Science Blocks. This project is as a result of successfully gaining access to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) Priority Schools Building Programme. I will continue to keep you informed as we go through this academic year. Although this has been a slow process, it will happen!

We will continue to develop our communication with you during this academic year. Please do regularly visit our website which will provide you with much information, including the school calendar. I would also encourage you to follow us on Twitter @Hailey Turnford where we will regularly tweet updates from HT. We have also just launched our new Facebook page, so please find us and like us - https://www.facebook.com/haileyburyturnford

There will also be Welcome Letters from each Year Achievement Coordinator this week. Key dates and the names of the Senior Leadership Team are also included in this mailing.

My email address is newmanr@hailey-buryturnford.com. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you feel it is necessary to do so.

I hope your child has an enjoyable and successful start to the new school year.

Yours faithfully

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