



11th September 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back

The first week back has been an exciting one and already we have attended the Hackney School Fair in support of Secondary Transfer and held a Year 11 Parents Evening!

You may already be aware that the school community celebrated excellent GCSE and A Level results again this year. Year 13 were delighted with their achievements, ensuring that they secured their offers at university, including three times the national average places secured at prestigious Russell Group universities and a stunning 28% A/A* grades.

Emmanuel Farinre was delighted to have secured his place at Clare College Cambridge studying Land Economy having secured A*A*A. At A Level there were other exceptional performances from Joan Lawal who also secured A*A*A, Maria Gega, A*AA, Orla Philpot, AAA, Victoria Frimpong A*A*B, Pricilla Mena A*AB and Valdis Snepts AAB. We wish them and all our sixth form leavers well in their future.

Our Year 11 students were also highly successful, securing 84% A*-C grades, with some exceptional performances including Olamide Duyile and Chikadibia Onuba who both secured 7A* and 2A grades at GCSE and Tomi Adaramola who secured 5A* and 3 A grades. Some examples of these achievements included Maths and English both exceeding national figures at 77% Maths, 69% English Literature and 62% English Language A*-C grade, also 91% French and 85% RE at A* - C grades and above, to mention just a few. We are delighted to see the hard work of all involved, student, parents, governors and staff, have such positive outcomes, preparing them well for the next phase of their studies. There will be further news on this in our September Newsletter.

Visitors to the school have all commented on how fantastic the building looks. We are very proud of our building and although no longer 'new', we are delighted that it is still looking so good and that it continues to provide excellent facilities for our children. We were pleased to be again invited to be part of the 'London Open House' weekend later in the month, on 20th September 2014, where the school will be on show to the general public.

It was wonderful to greet the new arrivals at the school, our new Year 7, as well as our new staff. We are positively bursting at the seams and looking forward to our new extension. The children have returned to school looking very smart indeed and I would like to thank all parents and carers who support the school's high expectations in these areas. I am sorry that there was an issue about the quality of the logo on the school blazer. The supplier has agreed to provide a replacement for these when they arrive. Parents will be notified.

This year we will continue to work hard to ensure that the "Good" rating we received for Behaviour in our 2013 Ofsted report becomes "Outstanding". In order to achieve this we have made some changes to our Behaviour Policy and to some of the systems and routines we have in school. Attached to this letter you will find:

- Our uniform regulations
- Our sanctions and rewards ladders
- Our student code of conduct

In addition, please find a copy of the new Misconduct Ladder that we will be using this year. This ensures that poor behaviour is challenged robustly and that you, as parents and carers, are informed about it quickly. Each week you will also receive a printout of your child's achievement and behaviour points. Your child will be given this each Monday by their form tutor to bring home and discuss with you.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the school, and to welcome you and your child back for another successful year.

Yours sincerely,

J. Heffernan

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