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Dear Parents/Carers

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back after a summer of return to some normality post restrictions, although some will continue. I hope you all managed to spend some time with your families. During the summer we had a variety of events taking place at school, very successful summer schools for our new Year 7s and selected Year 8s as well as the Oscar Murrillo's (ex-student) Art Exhibition which received great reviews!

I am also writing to update you on the summer's results and a safe return to school. As you will be aware, the results this year were as a result of Centre Assessment Grades (CAGs). The outcomes for both GCSE and A Level were outstanding and we are very proud of our students who worked tirelessly to achieve their goals. Details are as follows:-

- Progress 8 score : 0.9
- Proportion of students securing 9-4 in English and Maths: 78%
- Percentage 9-4 Maths: 84%
- Percentage 9-4 Best English: 81%
- Percentage securing 9-4 in two Sciences: 79%

We are very proud of them all. Students who were especially successful at GCSE included:

Samdee Tai Cadby nine grade 9s, Matthew Michael eight grade 9s, Fatou N'Doye seven grade 9s, Alex Wei seven grade 9s, Jecoliah Williams seven grade 9s, Margaret Boateng six grade 9s, Noelia Torres five grade 9s and Faisal Nuhibzada, Diana Ndukwu and Vincent Shi with four grade 9s. These grades were in addition to a whole range of other outstanding grades.

At A Level, the school continues to secure exceptional progress and were again secured an ALPS1, or an Outstanding grade, equating to top 1% nationally. This has been a year of significant challenges for both students and staff, managing both the challenges of COVID and embedding post 16 changes and all are to be congratulated for the hard work and resilience needed to secure these results. The outcomes were:

A-A* grades 58%
A*-B grades 90%
A*-C grades 99%
A*-D grades 100%

Vocational (Health and Social Care and Business)

D*D*D*/D*D*D 58%
DDD and above 81%
MMM and above 94%
PPP and above 100%

Special congratulations goes to Edward Badege who secured 3A* grades and 1A and also to Temi Ajayi, Naimeh Sabrah and Jessica Ugori who all secured 3 A* grades. Congratulations also to Marcus Anozie, Dilara Cigerli and Demetria Kirlaw who secured 2A*1A. Similarly, students on vocational courses have excelled, including all those who secured D*D*D*; Mercy Adeosun, Lillian Anarfi, Jessica Ashamu, Briana Browne, Alna Caulker, Franciska



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Dam, Miriam Ishola, Musu Jaiteh, Katie Lowbridge, Catherine Metuge, Charlene Ofori-Attah, Zoe Opoku, Angela Owusu, Fatima Pereira and Dean Tennant.

These are exceptional results and all students and their families should be proud of what they have achieved.

Covid Update

As we return to school, we continue to keep in place the Covid restrictions such as floor markings, separate exits (not staggered times) for each year group, hand sanitising and face coverings to be worn in communal areas such as the corridors and the canteen (when not eating). Also, in line with Government guidelines, testing arrangements are in place for the first week to ensure your child returns to school safely. Please note that students are expected to enter the school building via the Ponsford Street entrance before 8.30am.

The safety and wellbeing of your child remains at the heart of what we do. If you are concerned about your child or other household member, please access this link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

and follow the advice on what parents/carers should do.

If your child is kept at home for any reason, the school must be informed and written evidence surrounding their circumstances must be sent to the Attendance Officer.

Parents/carers should encourage their children to walk, cycle, or travel by private car to school. If parents decide to drop off and collect their children, they should arrange a suitable location close to the school to drop them off, in order to avoid congestion outside the school building. If children must travel to school by public transport, please note that the wearing of facemasks is still in force on all London Transport.

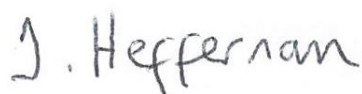
As a result of Covid, our uniform shop had been experiencing difficulties with their suppliers. If you have experienced difficulties obtaining the uniform, please provide your child with a note in their planners.

On a separate note, please join me in congratulation the following three members of staff who all welcomed a new member to their families during the summer holidays; Mr Malyon, Ms Brennan and Ms Lawley. We wish them well and look forward to meeting their new arrivals.

Please also join me in welcoming the following new staff to Cardinal Pole, Mr Cocker, Ms Goddard and Ms Bizos (Science Department), Mr Bunting (Music Department), Ms Delafield (Creative Arts Department), Ms Garnham and Mr Lawn (PE Department), Mr J Gosnell and Ms Ingrey (History Department), Mr Fake (Maths Department), Ms Hargreaves (Social Sciences Department), Mr Hayes and Ms Hume (English Department), Mr Large and Mr Matthews Murray (Geography Teacher), Ms McNae (Business, Economics & IT Department), Ms Richards (RE Teacher), Ms Kord (Pastoral Support Manager), Mr Moss, Ms Walker and Ms Zafar (SEND Department). We hope you have a long and fulfilling career with us.

Finally, I write to inform parents/carers that there will be an early close on Thursday 16th September 2021 in order that the school can hold their annual Year 7 Bible Mass. All students apart from Year 7 will be dismissed at 1.15pm. Also, a reminder that 30 minute same day detentions are handed out to students without notification to parents/carers. Parents/Carers will be contacted in advance via the Pastoral Support Manager should the detentions be any longer.

Yours sincerely



Ms J Heffernan

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER