



Sir Frederic Osborn School

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Dear Parents and carers

Welcome back to the new school year. All students are now in school full time and have made a very positive start to the term. We are delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students and the many Year 11 students returning to start in our sixth form.

New staff and new roles

We welcome some new staff to the school this term and see some existing staff take on new roles.

Mr Gibbard will be joining the Maths department

Miss Gill will be joining the Science department

Mrs Barker is our new Science technician

Mrs McKenzie will be part of our front office team

Miss Minoughan is our new Head of Sixth form

Mrs Symeou is our new Head of Computing

Results 2016

Congratulations are due to all those students who worked so hard and got what they deserved as a consequence.

Our Key stage 4 results were encouraging this year, with a larger number of students achieving the top grades at GCSE. We were also delighted to see a number of students record fantastic value added results from a more modest starting point. It was pleasing to welcome back a large number of students into our sixth form.

Performance at both AS and A level was also very positive with all those who applied gaining a place at university, the overwhelming majority at their first choice. Good luck to all those students who start at university over the next few months.

Attitude

We pride ourselves on exceptional outcomes for our young people, but we are clear from our own experience that this demands hard work over time from our students, both in and out of the classroom. With this in mind, the staff team at Sir Frederic Osborn will continue their focus on increasing the resilience of young people in overcoming challenges, embracing mistakes as an important part of learning, and emphasising independent learning skills such as those honed by homework. The Show my Homework system gives families an excellent opportunity to get actively involved in homework tasks, in addition to encouraging positive learning habits at home.

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As a school, we feel strongly that the development of active, engaged and responsible citizens is as much at the heart of what we do as academic achievement. To this end, we set high expectations of students and our code of conduct expects them to be 'kind and courteous at all times'. We will continue to work hard in promoting these qualities in students, not only through the taught curriculum, but also through extra-curricular opportunities and in the day-to-day interactions students have with a variety of people. As always, we continue our efforts to minimise anything disruptive to good learning habits and your continued support as families in promoting good behaviour is appreciated.

Behaviour and Uniform

Our students have made a very successful start to the new school year on Friday. However, we will continue to be rigorous in our application of the Behaviour and Uniform policies. All students are absolutely clear about our expectations and so we expect there to be little difficulty for them. A reminder that students who are not in correct uniform will be sent home or kept out of timetabled lessons and I'd ask all families to reiterate this with their children. The uniform code is in all student planners and there is always a copy on our website.

Census Information

The Department for Education is always asking schools for additional information and this year is no different. We did contact parents/carers last week because we have now been asked to provide information regarding country of birth and nationality. ~We do appreciate your assistance in enabling us to meet this requirement for the Department for Education.

Important Dates

Please remember that we have the following information evenings for all parents and carers. We hope that you will join us to receive some crucial messages from Directors of Learning and key Core Subject staff concerning the year ahead for your child.

Year 8 Tuesday 6 September at 6.00pm in Osborn Hall with Mrs Spence

Year 9 Tuesday 6 September at 7.00pm in Osborn Hall with Mrs Spence

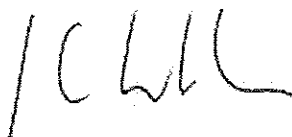
Year 10 Thursday 8 September at 6.45pm in Osborn Hall with Mr Koupis

Year 11 Thursday 8 September at 6.00pm in Osborn Hall with Miss Ward

Sixth Form Thursday 8 September at 6.00pm in A Block with Miss Minoughan

We are looking forward to another successful year at Sir Frederic Osborn School and with us all working together, we can achieve so much more.

Yours sincerely,



Jed Whelan
Headteacher