



4th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome to all students/parents/carers as we start the new academic year. This is an exciting new era for us at Team Hatton as myself and Mr Mitchell will be working together as Co-Principals of the Academy. Mr Mitchell and I have been long standing experienced members of the senior leadership team and we are both passionate about ensuring all students are given the opportunities that will ensure they develop into successful lifelong learners who will be prepared for the changing world of work as well as ensuring the continued academic success of all.

Many of you may have read in the press about the fantastic academic performance of students at Sir Christopher Hatton. We also had another record breaking year of GCSE success, the main measure of "Progress 8" which recognises the progress made during a student's time at secondary school was already well in the top 5% of schools nationally and the highest in the county, the results indicate that this score has increased further and the progress of the children at Sir Christopher Hatton will be in the top 2% of all schools nationally.

The percentage of students achieving both English and maths at grade 4 and above increased to 77%. The percentage of students achieving both subjects at the more challenging grade 5 has also increased to 55%, these results are all significantly above the national average.

The most recent A-level results continued to show that students attainment at the end of year 13 is amongst the highest in the County, 30% of all examination entries taken by students were graded A* or A with nearly 10% of all grades awarded the top grade of an A*. More than half of all entries were awarded a grade B or above.

We are incredibly proud of these achievements, and results like this do not happen by chance and are the result of the hard work of the students and staff with an emphasis on the highest quality teaching and learning and an expectation that all students can achieve.

In ensuring the highest possible academic outcomes it is important students develop home-school study habits, and we would continue to encourage all students to keep up their efforts. It is especially important that our younger students recognise the value in completing homework and additional reading to the highest possible standard to ensure that study habits become embedded to secure achievement in the future. All students are expected to be 'Ready for Excellence' with the correct equipment and books with them for every lesson. Academy staff will continue to carry out 'spot checks' regularly and thoroughly. Students who are not 'Ready or Dressed for Excellence' will receive a sanction in accordance with our Behaviour Policy.

The upcoming year is an incredibly exciting time at the academy. We are looking forward to the opening of the new block with its state of the art lecture theatre, 10 classrooms and café area. We have lots of exciting opportunities for students in development including the launch of a Combined Cadet Force! We will also be reviewing our extracurricular provision to ensure that all students have as many opportunities to succeed outside of the classroom as they do within it.

You can find regular 'real time' updates of all the excellent learning that takes place across the academy by following us on Twitter @heartofhatton. Please visit our website: www.hattonacademy.org.uk which contains a wealth of information including; calendar dates and important contact details. We value our parent partnership greatly, both myself and Mr Mitchell can be contacted via email: head@hattonacademy.org.uk and we will ensure that you receive a timely response.

Yours Sincerely,



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