



Mill Chase Academy

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Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to the new academic year. I hope you are looking forward to the term ahead.

It has been wonderful to welcome back all our students to school and we are delighted to be joined by our new Year 7 students along with several new students in other year groups who have changed schools.

As ever, I have been impressed with how smart all our students have been this week, showing a real sense of pride in wearing their uniform and being part of our school. It is also lovely to see how much our students smile around the school as well, showing how safe, happy and confident our young people are here.

Everyone is excited about our move in November to our brand new site and in the meantime we have 7 very important weeks ahead to focus on learning at Mill Chase.

In September 2018, I encouraged all teachers to rise to the challenge of matching the performance of the best 20% of schools in the country using the Fisher Family Trust national system.

Our GCSE results showed that 7 subjects met or exceeded these high targets and a further 7 subjects were incredibly close being just under two-fifths of a grade below on average. Furthermore, 4 subjects met or exceeded a best 5% of schools target with 3 other subjects being very close. It is clear that when a school couples high quality pastoral care with high standards and expectations, young people flourish and can achieve their very best.

This summer's excellent results are testament to the talented and committed teachers and support staff that we have at Mill Chase who work in excellent partnership with supportive parents and hard working students at our school.

We welcome a number of new staff to strengthen our school even further and I am pleased to have made excellent appointments. Mr Gashi is now a permanent teacher in our PE and Science Departments, Miss Shepherd joins our Humanities Department, Mrs Tucker-Brown joins our Science Department, Miss Andrews joins our PE Department, Miss Rauhe joins our Mathematics Department, Miss McGarrigal joins our Mathematics and English Departments, Mrs Ainsley is our new Finance, HR & Lettings Manager, Miss Shuff has joined us as a teaching assistant and Mrs Buller joins us as a Pupil Guidance and Support Assistant.

Later this month, we will hold our annual Open Evening for future parents and students which will provide them with the opportunity to learn about our high levels of pastoral care, meet our highly motivated pupils, speak with our excellent dedicated teachers and discover why our ethos at Mill Chase is so strong. We will also share the plans for our new school buildings. If you have friends, family or neighbours who will shortly be choosing their secondary school, please encourage them to visit us on Thursday 26th September at 6:30pm at the Mill Chase site.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Hemmings', written in a cursive style.

Mr P Hemmings
Principal