

8th September 2023

WELCOME BACK LETTER FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are keeping well and that you enjoyed a restful summer break.

I am very pleased to share our 2023 A-Level and GCSE Public exam results with you. Despite top grades falling nationally at A-Level to bring results back in line with 2019, our top grades increased at A-Level with our pupils **securing 20 A*-A grades, 62% A*-B grades, 90% A*-C grades and 100% A*-E grades**. Most students secured their first preferences and have accepted places at top universities, including 33% at the prestigious Russell Group Universities. We are delighted for them and very proud of their achievements.

GCSE exam results were also very strong with **27% grades 7-9 (grades A-A**), 59% grades 5+ (B-) 73% grades 4+ (C), 74% grades 4+ in Mathematics and 81% grades 4+ in English**.

David Baah Okyere achieved a full sweep of grade 9's and six boys achieved grades 7-9 in their ten GCSE subjects. Michael Mamattah secured a fully funded Sixth Form scholarship to Highgate Public school having secured top GCSE results.

GCSE results have improved significantly since 2019 and are well above national for both mixed schools and for boys' schools.

Please note the following events and dates for your diary.

- Year 11 Curriculum evening on Thursday Sept 14th from 17:00-18:00
- Year 13 Curriculum evening on Thursday Sept 14th from 16:30-17:00 followed by Year 13 Parents' evening from 17:00-18:00
- Years 10/12 Curriculum evenings on Thursday Sept 21st from 17:00-18:00
- Years 8/9 Curriculum evenings on Thursday October 5th from 17:00-18:00
- Year 7 Curriculum evening on Thursday October 19th from 16:30-17:00
- Year 11 Parents' evening on Thursday October 12th from 16:00-18:00

We are delighted to welcome girls to Years 7 and 8 from September 2024. Please share our 2023 Public exam results, news that we are going co-educational in Years 7 and 8 from September 2024 and news of our Open events for September 2024 admission with your family and friends. We are a diverse and inclusive community with very high standards and we are offering excellent educational opportunities to all pupils, regardless of faith or no faith.

Open Evening: Tuesday 3rd October - 16:30-19:00

Open Saturday: 7th October - 09:00-11:00

Open Mornings: 4th-13th October - 09:15-10:30

The return to school following the summer holidays has been very smooth. The boys are looking very well in their new uniforms having grown over the holidays! Please make sure your son has a belt for his trousers and please remember to check your son's organisation before he leaves for school in the mornings. Please also download and make use of the Go4schools parental app to track his attendance, punctuality, behaviour and homework information. Working together we can make sure that your son continues to thrive this academic year. Please make sure your son has a ZIP card to use on buses and that his lunch card is topped up using parent pay.

A number of parents have contacted Justina Forrestal from 'Positive Futures' and she has provided each with confidential help with benefit applications, managing debt, applying for jobs, housing etc. Justina is able to see 2-3 people each week at the school on Wednesday afternoons. If you would like to book a Wednesday afternoon slot with Justina, please contact her on 07778 362086 or email positivefutures@hncp.org.uk. If Wednesday afternoon doesn't suit then please contact her to make alternative arrangements. An email will be sent to parents when our foodbank is next re-stocked so you can come and help yourselves.

You may have heard on the news that RAAC (reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) has been identified as an issue in school buildings of a certain age. Recent specialist testing has identified RAAC in the roof of one of our blocks. Having taken specialist advice, we have relocated classrooms from the top two floors of this block to elsewhere in the building while further testing and remediation works are decided and implemented. It's business as usual!

Our Open evening is on **Tuesday, October 3rd from 16:00-19:00. School will finish at 12:00** for all pupils in Year 7-13 on Tuesday October 3rd to allow for Open Evening Preparation.

You are very welcome to meet with me (virtually) at our monthly first Friday meeting for parents. The next will take place on Friday September 15th 10:00-10:30. Please see the school website for details.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Paula Whyte
Headteacher