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Welcome Back and Celebration of Results

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all of our students and families. I hope you all had a wonderful, restful summer break and are feeling ready for the year ahead.

I'm reaching out to share some truly fantastic news. This summer, our students achieved the best GCSE results in our school's entire history. We saw fantastic gains in English and Maths at both Grade 4 and Grade 5, Science results jumped by an impressive 20%, and outcomes improved across every single subject. We could not be prouder of our students. Their hard work, paired with our shared focus on "the Clifton Way," has shown just how much they can achieve.

To give our students the best possible start this term, we're focusing heavily on getting the basics right: **arriving on time every day (8.40am), wearing full uniform, and building good daily habits.** To help them stay on top of things, we've provided every student with a new personal planner. Alongside space for tracking homework and reminders, it includes handy reference guides—like Maths formulas and the periodic table—to support them in class.

Please take a moment each week to look through the planner with your child. It's also a great place for you to leave quick notes for their form tutor or teachers. To keep these safe and well-used, please ensure your child brings their bag and planner to school every single day.

Here are a few important dates to pop on your calendar for this half term:

- **10th September:** Year 7 School photos
- **24th September:** Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
- **24th September:** Year 11 Revision Evening
- **1st October:** Year 5 & 6 Transition Evening
- **14th October:** Years 8 - 11 School photos (any Y7 not already taken)

Times and more details will follow for each event nearer the time.

I will be sending home a separate letter shortly with further details on homework updates, how we assess student progress, and our attendance expectations, along with a full calendar of dates for the year.

Thank you so much for your continued trust and support. The partnership between home, school, and student is the foundation of everything we achieve here, and I am genuinely looking forward to working alongside you to make this year another milestone success.

Warmest regards,

Marie Smith
Headteacher

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