



Chigwell School

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Dear Parents

Welcome back and it has been a pleasure to have all pupils back in school once again this morning. Whether they are new to Chigwell or returning, we hope that all pupils have a very happy and fulfilling year, even though arrangements are slightly different because of the pandemic. I know you will have had details from Mrs Gibbs, Mr Stubbs, Mr Gower or Mr Coppell in relation to different parts of the School, but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Public Examination Results

Students in last year's Upper Fifth and Middle Sixth did not sit GCSE and A level examinations in the usual way, and their results were based on Centre Assessed Grades supplied to the exam boards in line with Ofqual requirements. Although it is disappointing that these young people did not have the sense of achievement that comes with taking an exam, the results they achieved were excellent.

At A level 59% of grades were at A* or A and 35% of students gained at least three A grades. This enabled them to move on to highly selective universities and courses; of those who took up UK university places, over 70% were at Russell Group institutions.

At GCSE the most common grade achieved was grade 9 with 30% of grades at this top level – five times the national average. Nearly a quarter of all Chigwell students achieved all grade 8s and 9s and this will prepare them well for A level study. Only yesterday the Lower Sixth students gave excellent presentations on topics they had researched over the summer as part of their pre-A level programme which began in June.

Website

As I hope you have seen, over the summer we have launched our new [website](#) which focuses on the newly articulated school values. Further information and images will be added to the site over the coming weeks.

Uniform

Following our rebranding at the end of last term, we have recently received a number of enquiries about uniform. The new logo will be rolled-out across the School in due course and uniform with the updated logo will be introduced gradually from September 2021. There will be no need to buy a full uniform immediately and you will be able to purchase items as required.

Summer Maintenance Work

Over the summer, considerable progress has been made on our maintenance programme. There has been extensive resurfacing, renovation and redecoration of offices and meeting rooms in the oldest part of the School, redecoration of the Chapel, and maintenance in two of the boarding houses. In addition, work on the new 3G pitch has progressed well and we hope that it will be available for use by pupils later in the term.

Staff News

We are being joined by a number of new staff this term. Dr Jonathan Chapman joins us as a teacher of economics following the retirement of Mr Ron Spicer; Miss Monica Ma takes over as Head of Physics following the retirement of Dr Peter Clayton; Commercial Managed IT have appointed Mr Hassan Majid as maternity cover in Miss Nathalie White's absence; and Miss Imogen Morris joins the Pre Prep as a teacher taking over from Miss Jessica Bonner. We hope they will all be very happy here.

We send our congratulations to Miss Celeste Cassell on her marriage to Warren over the summer; she will now be known as Mrs Cassell.

Calendars

As usual, pupils will be given a copy of the blue calendar with details of all events taking place this term. If you have not received a copy, please collect one from either of the three school receptions.

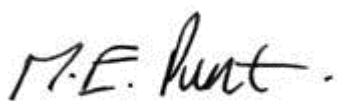
And Finally

Please do continue to follow Government guidance regarding social gatherings outside of school, quarantining after overseas travel etc. and, of course, do not send your children to school if they have the symptoms of coronavirus.

I look forward to seeing you at some of the events that we are able to hold in due course. Obviously our priority is the safety and wellbeing of the community but we aim to provide as much normality as we are able to in the circumstances.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



Michael Punt

TERM DATES 2020/21

Michaelmas Term

Staff meetings and INSET on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September

First day: Thursday 3rd September

Half term: Saturday 17th October to Sunday 1st November

Term ends: Wednesday 16th December

Lent Term

Staff meetings and INSET on Wednesday 6th January

First day: Thursday 7th January

Half term: Saturday 13th February to Sunday 21st February

Term ends: Friday 26th March

Trinity Term

(Easter Day is 4th April)

First day: Monday 19th April

Half term: Saturday 29th May to Sunday 6th June (INSET Day Monday 7th June)

Term ends: Wednesday 14th July