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Dear Parents, Carers and Families

We returned to school this September extremely pleased with our latest examination results. We are delighted to announce that 82% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in English and 75% achieved a grade 4 or above in Mathematics. Please see the website for the full results and the latest newsletter.

The achievement of all our young people is incredibly important and examination results represent only a part of our students' experiences at school. Our students' motivation and self-esteem have been boosted throughout the year, not only in curriculum areas but also by the Inclusion Learning Zone, the Raising Standards team and pastoral staff. The high quality results that have been achieved are testament to the hard work of the students, the dedication of our staff and the aspirational ethos that is promoted by them and in turn, supported by families. For the first time since our move to the new campus, all examinations were accommodated on the school premises. This has meant that it has been one of our best ever years in terms of care and provision for the Year 11 cohort supporting the improving or maintaining successes in such a demanding year.

The staff of St Paul's Academy continue to strive to do their very best for all students, irrespective of ability and in all aspects of school life. The collegiality of staff and students alike is to be celebrated and commended. We would like to offer our heartfelt congratulations to the students in all that they have achieved in the past 5 years at St Paul's and we wish them every possible success as they embark on the next stage of their education and training.

Well done and Congratulations to the Class of 2018.

The new Year 7 cohort have settled very well to secondary life, already making great contributions to St Paul's Academy. You may be interested to read Ashley's and Molly Jean's first impressions of the Academy in the October newsletter.

In my new appointment as Principal I am very much looking forward to working with you as we strive for even greater success for all our young people. By working together we can ensure that all students enjoy their time at St Paul's Academy, make excellent progress and leave us with the necessary skills and attitudes to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

One of the ways you are able to support your child is to ensure they have high attendance at school and excellent punctuality. To start each day on a positive note, it is important that students arrive on the campus by 8am so they can prepare themselves for teaching and learning from 8.15am. Attendance supports attainment and all children have to aim for 100% attendance to support progress. For further information on punctuality and attendance please refer to pages 21 – 22 of the School Planner.

I have been impressed this term by how well turned out the students are in their school uniform. It shows they are proud to represent their school. Please support your child during half term to ensure they return to school on Monday 29 October wearing their uniform correctly and neatly.



If you allow or pay for your child to have piercings, these will need to be removed on school days, and not worn to or from school. Full details of the school uniform can be found on pages 4 -5 of the School Planner.

If there are unavoidable reasons why your child cannot wear the correct uniform please provide a note in the School Planner to explain the reasons or your child will be at risk of being sent home. The school uniform shop is open during term time on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9.15am and 12.15pm.

On page 6 of the School Planner you will be able to check the equipment your child requires and this also includes a water bottle. You will be aware that we are looking at ways to reduce plastic in school and as such all students need to bring their own filled water bottle into school every day. Aluminium water bottles are also available for sale in the restaurant for £2.00.

There have been many highlights this half term; the History trip to Berlin, the SPA Sleepout, and the Lap for Life to raise much-needed funds for Centre Point. Please take a moment to look at our website and newsletter to catch up with all the enriching events that have taken place.

Students are ambassadors of the Academy and they actively contribute to the school's reputation by their behaviour on their journeys to and from school. If any student is involved in anti-social behaviour on buses they risk their free travel being taken away. The TFL Behaviour Code can be found on page 8 of the School Planner and it would be worthwhile reading this with your child.

Please ensure that the contact details on page 1 of the School Planner are fully completed to ensure we have accurate and detailed records of contacts that we would use in case of an emergency.

I appreciate that many families ensure their children attend school regularly, on time and in full uniform with the correct equipment, but it is important that there are reminders because it is only by doing so that we maintain the very high standards we have at St Paul's Academy.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child's happiness and success at St Paul's Academy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Malone', written over a horizontal line.

Miss S Malone
Principal