



Sir Frederic Osborn School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year. All students are now in school full time and have made a very positive start to the term. We are delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students and felt great pride in welcoming a large number of returning Year 11 students into our sixth form.

New staff and new roles

We welcome the following new staff to the school this term and see some existing staff take on new roles:

New staff

Miss J Smith

Mr J Beka

Miss C Fielding

Miss H Ward

Dr E Wheeler

Deputy Headteacher

KS3 and KS4 Co-ordinator for Philosophy & Ethics

Business Studies/Drama Teacher

English Teacher and Literacy Lead

Science Teacher

Miss C Evans

Mrs D Lawrence

Mrs K Riordan

Mrs E Wallace

Miss R Walsh

Teaching Assistant

Librarian

Science Technician

Learning Supervisor

School Games Organiser

New roles

Mr M Broad

Mrs C Sayers

Mrs A Smith

Mr R Sutton

Head of Humanities

Director of Mathematics and Numeracy

SENCO

KS3 and KS5 Co-ordinator for Geography

Mrs S Akers

Mrs D Hornsey

Miss A Knowles

Safeguarding Officer/Mental Health Lead

Behaviour Support Officer

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Results 2017

Congratulations to all those students who worked so hard and achieved the results they rightfully deserved as a consequence.

We are delighted with our Key Stage 4 results which continue to show year on year improvements. We were pleased to see a high number of students achieve the crucial results of level 4 passes in both English and Mathematics. This was particularly encouraging because of the new and harder GCSE exams in these subjects.

Performance at Post 16 was also very positive with all those who applied gaining a place at university, the overwhelming majority at their first choice. Good luck to all those students who start at university over the next few months.

Attitude

We pride ourselves on exceptional outcomes for our young people, but we are clear from our own experience that this demands hard work over time from our students, both in and out of the classroom.

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With this in mind, the staff at Sir Frederic Osborn will continue their focus on increasing the resilience of young people in overcoming challenges, embracing mistakes as an important part of learning, and emphasizing independent learning skills such as those honed by homework. The Show My Homework system gives families an excellent opportunity to get actively involved in homework tasks, in addition to encouraging positive learning habits at home.

As a school, we feel strongly that the development of active, engaged and responsible citizens is as much at the heart of what we do as academic achievement. To this end, we set high expectations of students and our code of conduct expects them to be 'kind and courteous at all times'. We will continue to work hard in promoting these qualities in students, not only through the taught curriculum, but also through extra-curricular opportunities and in the day-to-day interactions students have with a variety of people. As always, we continue our efforts to minimise anything disruptive to good learning habits and your continued support as families in promoting good behaviour is appreciated.

Behaviour and Uniform

Our students made a very successful start to the new school year on Friday. However, we will continue to be rigorous in our application of the Behaviour and Uniform policies. All students are absolutely clear about our expectations and so we expect there to be little difficulty for them. A reminder that students who are not in correct uniform will be sent home to change and return to school or kept out of timetabled lessons and I'd ask all families to reiterate this with their children. The uniform code is in all student planners and there is always a copy on our website.

Share your views through Parent View

Parents and carers can give their views of our school at any time of the school year and at the time of a school inspection using an online questionnaire called Parent View. When our school is notified of its next Ofsted inspection, parents will be invited to give their views about the school to inspectors using the Parent View online facility as this has replaced Ofsted's paper questionnaire. Please make sure we have your most up-to-date contact details. Please register with an email address and a password at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to complete answers to 12 short questions about aspects such as bullying, the quality of teaching, level of homework, etc.

Your views are important in helping inspectors make a decision about our school, and to help us know what is going well and what could be improved.

If you do not have a computer or an email address, or if you would like help to use Parent View, please contact the school.

Important Dates

Please remember that we have the following information evenings for all parents and carers. We hope that you will join us to receive some crucial messages from Directors of Learning and key Core Subject staff concerning the year ahead for your child.

Year 8	Monday 11 September at 6.00pm in Osborn Hall with Mr Sarjeant
Year 9	Monday 11 September at 7.15pm in Osborn Hall with Miss Ward
Year 10	Tuesday 12 September at 6.00pm in Osborn Hall with Mrs Spence
Year 11	Monday 18 September at 6.00pm in Osborn Hall with Mr Koupis
Sixth Form	Thursday 7 September at 6.00pm in Sixth Form Centre with Miss Minoughan

We are looking forward to another successful year at Sir Frederic Osborn School and with us all working together, we can achieve so much more.

Yours sincerely



Jed Whelan
Headteacher