

Our ref HHU/dg

7 September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the start of a new school year at The Derby High School and a special welcome to our new parents - we look forward to working with you all over the years ahead. It is vital that we have a positive and productive partnership with our parents. Over the course of this year we are seeking to create further opportunities when parents can play an active role in the life of the school. We will be writing to you in due course about events that will be taking place.

I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring your child returned to school in correct school uniform. At The Derby High School, we have high standards and expectations of all who work here and we believe that our uniform should reflect this. We will be maintaining our drive on uniform standards throughout the year. Your continued commitment to upholding the standards we are seeking would be greatly appreciated.

We are delighted with the exam results of our 2016 leavers. Students at The Derby High School continue to leave with good qualifications in English and Maths. Attainment results were particularly strong in academic subjects – Science, including separate sciences and French with many top grades being awarded. Results in Religious Studies, Business Studies, PE and the Performing Arts were also outstanding. Particularly impressive is our estimated Progress 8 Score (the new government measure for evaluating GCSE performance) of +0.3 indicating that students at our school achieve almost 1/3rd of a grade higher than do students of similar ability nationally. We will be celebrating the Year 11 leavers' successes at our annual Prize-Giving event at the Town Hall in November.

This year looks set to be another full and exciting year with many events taking place, some of the Autumn Term events are outlined below.

It is our understanding that Eid is expected to fall next week and we wish all our students who will be celebrating this occasion a very happy day. Next Tuesday, 13th September, is one of our staff training days and the school will be closed to students on this day.

On Wednesday 5th October the School Open Evening will take place and I envisage that a number of our current students will be helping on the night. We are rightly proud of our school and all we offer and we are looking forward to showcasing our work to prospective parents.

The Band of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Lancashire) and also our own school band will be performing here on October 12th. On December 21st and 22nd we are staging a production of Disco Inferno featuring the music of the 70s – I strongly urge you to put these dates in your calendar now!

Attached to this letter is a form that we need all parents to complete for each child. We need you to get this information back to school as soon as possible (before Friday 16 September 2016).

Many thanks once again for your continued support and engagement with the school. I look forward to meeting you at the various events outlined and at Parents' Evenings during the year (see below for dates).

Yours sincerely

MS C H HUBERT
Headteacher

Year Group Information

Year 7	- Form Tutor Parents' Meeting - Parents' Evening	(9 November 2016) (9 February 2017)
Year 8	- Parents' Evening	(27 April 2017)
Year 9	- Parents' Evening - Options Meeting	(12 January 2017) (30 March 2017)
Year 10	- Parents' Evening	(26 January 2017)
Year 11	- Parents' Evening	(3 November 2016)