

8<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers

It is my pleasure to write to you at the start of this academic year and formally welcome your child back to the Academy.

Students have returned from the summer break keen to embark on their studies. Students are looking very smart and are very clearly adhering to the Academy's uniform policy. I am often told by members of the public about how smart TBOWA students look. The work ethic amongst students is palpable around the school site. Students are certainly embracing the culture of 'High Expectations - No Excuses.' I am confident that they will all be very successful when it is their turn to sit public examinations.

This year has seen an increase in the number of students joining us in Year 7. We have also started the second year of TBOWA 6<sup>th</sup> Form. The 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre is a hub of activity with students already focusing well on their all-important A level and BTEC studies. The maturity with which students are approaching life in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form is a credit to the students and their families. This year our Year 13 students will begin the process of applying for University. We are optimistic about our first students securing a place at either Oxford or Cambridge. Exciting times lie ahead!

I am pleased to report to you that the GCSE results for Year 11 are once again above the national average. There are many individual success stories. Most students have made very good progress in their time at TBOWA and this is reflected in the record numbers securing places on the post-16 courses they aspired to either at TBOWA 6<sup>th</sup> Form or other post-16 providers. Each year we are building on the strong foundations we have laid.

I know I can rely on you for your support in ensuring the very high standards we have set are adhered to and enhanced even further. Please make a note of the dates below on the family calendar. The key to success at TBOWA has been the very strong relationship between the Academy and home - it is a partnership we are rightly proud of.

This year promise to be another successful year. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Best wishes,



Paul Mc

Tuesday 15th September	4.30-6.00pm	Yr 12 Tutor Settling In Evening
Tuesday 22nd September	4.30-6.30pm	Yr 7 Mentor Settling In Evening
Thursday 1st October	5.00-7.30pm	Open Evening
Tuesday 6th October	4.30-7.30pm	Yr 11 Parents Evening
Tuesday 13th October	5.30-7.30pm	6th Form Open Evening
Tuesday 20th October	4.30-7.30pm	Yr 12/13 Parents Evening
Tuesday 10th November	4.30-7.30pm	Yr 10 Parents Evening
Tuesday 24th November	4.30-7.30pm	Yr 9 Parents Evening
Wednesday 25th November		Twelfth Night Evening Performance
Thursday 26th November		Twelfth Night Evening Performance
Friday 27th November	Inset	Academy closed to students
Tuesday 1st December	4.30-7.30pm	Yr 8 Parents Evening



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