8<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to welcome back our students after the wonderful summer weather we have all enjoyed.

#### **Examination Results**

The Academy is very proud to be able to celebrate some fantastic examination results this year.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Form students did particularly well with students gaining places at Oxford and Cambridge, as well as other Russell Group Universities - Warwick, Southampton, Cardiff, Durham, Birmingham. They will be reading a wide range of exciting courses - Chemistry,

Physics, English Language and Linguistics, Geography with Year Abroad, Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics, Chemistry (Industrial), Electronic Engineering with Computer Systems, Aeronautics and Astronautics with Industrial Placement Year, Midwifery, Veterinary Medicine and Science, Law with Criminal Justice and Human Rights, Mechanical Engineering and Primary and Early Years.

Our Year 11 students achieved some tremendous results with students achieving above the national average in English, Maths and Science. Many students have returned to Bishop 6<sup>th</sup> Form to continue their studies. The vast majority of our other students have now gained a place at local colleges of their choice on the courses that they wanted.

We all know how difficult the past few years have been for students and yet despite this our students have achieved some remarkable results. We are very proud of them and wish them well for the future.

## **Welcome Back Assemblies**

It has been a pleasure to greet all our students back in the main hall and spend some time with them reflecting on what they might like to achieve over this academic year. I have reminded all of our students about the three Bishop mantra that we use as a guide through secondary school:

'Have the Courage to be wise' - I have asked students to have the courage of their own convictions in all the choices they make this year and to ensure that they make the right choices for their future.

*'High Expectations- No Excuses'* - I have reminded students that it is their God-given right to expect to become the best that they can be and that they can all achieve this by having a relentless focus on expecting the best from themselves in everything that they do.

*'Live Life to the Full'* - We all reflected that if students do 'Have the Courage to be Wise' and always have 'High Expectations' of themselves then they will enjoy great success in both their personal and academic lives and should go on to "Live Life to the Full'.

## **Principal's Surgery**

The Principal is available every Monday afternoon between 2.15pm and 5.15pm for any parents who wish to visit the academy and share their thoughts. No appointment necessary. Meetings will last for a maximum of 15 minutes.

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# A reminder about car parking

To support our students with a safe arrival and departure from the academy site the gates to our driveway are closed between 8.15-8.30am each morning (Monday to Friday) and from 2.45-3.10pm on Monday to Thursday and 1.45-2.10pm on Fridays.

Thank you for patience and understanding with this.

# **Expectations reminder**

You know that we have embedded a culture of 'High Expectations - No Excuses' at TBOWA and this is what we anticipate from all our students in terms of attitude to learning, behaviour, attendance, punctuality and uniform.

Our policies regarding uniform, behaviour, attendance and use of mobile phones are all available on our website and your child is made fully aware of our expectations through assemblies, Mentor Time and the information that is available to them in their planner.

I know I can count on your support in ensuring that your child is fully prepared for learning at TBOWA in order for them to reach their full potential and meet the demanding expectations of life after TBOWA. If you have any concerns please address these to your child's Mentor in the first instance.

# 10:10

Our extra-curricular activities programme (10:10) will commence week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Further information will be made available next week.

# **Events**

| Date                       | Time        | Event                             | Year Group                           |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 15 <sup>th</sup> September | 3.30-7.30pm | Mentor Settling In Evening        | All year groups                      |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> September | 5.00-7.30pm | Open Evening                      |                                      |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> September | School day  | Teenage Booster Vaccinations      | Year 9 & 10 and catch up for Year 11 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> October    | 5.30-7.30pm | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening |                                      |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> October   |             | UCAS Early Entry Deadline         | Year 13                              |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> October   | 3.30-7.30pm | Year 12 Parents Evening           | Year 12                              |

# And finally....

Both I and my staff look forward to working with you over the next academic year to ensure the success of your child.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Best wishes,

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