



**FOREST HILL SCHOOL**

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

**SPECIALIST SCHOOL IN THE PERFORMING ARTS**

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Dear Parents and Carers

It hardly seems possible that we are entering the fifth week of the Autumn Term already! The summer holiday probably seems a distant memory now - nonetheless I hope you enjoyed a restful break.

I'm pleased to report that the school is positively back into full swing, with a great and productive learning buzz around the place in lessons and beyond. All year groups are inspired and motivated for their own futures knowing that in our GCSE results we saw a 50% increase in A\* grades, and at A level we had results allowing the highest ever number of students to progress to university, and in particular the prestigious Russell Group universities.

This term is the longest in the school year and so is a vital time for boys to ensure they establish good habits around work both in school and at home. I am very keen to establish a positive relationship with parents and carers to support them to support their sons' study habits at home. To this end we will be holding a Parents' Forum after half term (date to be notified) to which all parents/carers are invited to discuss these matters and give views. I hope you will be able to attend.

As I said earlier, it is the longest term of the year, and an action-packed one, with many key dates and events for your diary. We are particularly excited about the Year 7 work showcase evening on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. This is an event for all parents/carers of Year 7 boys to come to school and see the work that the boys have undertaken in their first half-term in secondary school. The evening will also include music, dance and drama performances and will be a celebration of the breadth of achievement of our youngest pupils.

Other highlights of the term include our Open Mornings for Year 6 pupils and parents, a Year 8 Science, Technology and Mathematics workshop, a Year 8 author event in the Library, Year 10 Work Experience and the first visits of Year 7 tutor groups to Aberllefeni. Our enrichment and sports' fixture programme is also underway and so I hope that there is something for all of our boys to engage with. A full list of events can be found on our website ([www.foresthillschool.co.uk](http://www.foresthillschool.co.uk)).

As I said to the boys last week in School Assembly, Forest Hill is a place where it should be easy to find your passion and aspire to excellence.

Best wishes and  
Yours sincerely

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