

October 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Although it may seem a long time ago now, I hope you all had a relaxing summer break, the students have all made an excellent start to the new year and a special welcome goes to the new Year 7 students.

We have already welcomed a number of visitors to the Academy this year and without exception, each one of them has commented on the excellent standards of uniform and the welcoming attitude of our students. Once again I thank parents and carers for their support in ensuring that our students come to the Academy with positive attitudes. The young people who attend Foxhills are a real credit to you.

GCSE Success

I am very pleased to inform you that once again the Academy has broken all records at GCSE level. 76% of students passed maths at A*-C and 71% of students passed English. These results place Foxhills firmly in the top 5% of similar schools nationally. In addition the overall Progress 8 score for the academy of 0.28, the new government benchmark, was above average.

Last year's year 11 students worked very hard for these well deserved results and once again I thank all parents, carers and current students for enabling us to create and maintain such a positive climate for learning.

Student Safety

A number of students who walk and cycle to and from the Academy do so whilst wearing earphones. Please could you support us in stressing to your child the potential dangers of doing this. Students who are walking may be unaware of anyone approaching them from behind and students who are cycling may be unaware of approaching traffic.

Staff Training

I would like to give you all advance notice of the 5th staff training day this year which will take place on Friday 25th November 2016. The academy will not be open to students on this day as all staff will be involved in training.

We do value your feedback, therefore, if any parents or carers have any further comments or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact the Academy. In the first instance please could you contact your child's subject teacher, VMG tutor or the appropriate Learning Manager via the school website or by phoning the main reception.

Year Learning Managers are:

Year 7	Mrs Allen
Years 8&9	Ms Buttrick
Year 10	Ms Clague
Year 11	Mrs Ball

We also take note of parental feedback on the Ofsted parentview feedback site and would appreciate it if you could take the time to complete it online.

The link is available on our website, www.foxhills.outwood.com, or alternatively you can access the survey directly at:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

We are very proud of our students, their attitudes and their behaviour. As always, should any parent wish to see the Academy during the course of the working day, please contact the PA to the Principal, Teresa Keates, and we will be happy to arrange a tour with the Principal.

I look forward to another successful year of working in partnership with all our parents/carers.

Yours faithfully



Angela Hull
Principal