



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new Academic Year. We begin the year with a very positive Ofsted report behind us, and some outstanding results at GCSE and A level, which continue our year on year improvement. It was a real pleasure to be with our students as they opened their results, and realised the exciting opportunities now open to them. As a comprehensive school we recognise that achievement is not only about the performance of the most academically-able, but is about all of our students who achieved so brilliantly beyond what they, and sometimes we, believed possible. We are proud of them all, and I warmly congratulate the Class of 2017, and thank all those who supported them to the threshold of examinations.

The start of the Autumn term is always a time of welcome to new staff and students. Joining the staff this year we have Mr Hurley, Assistant Headteacher, who will focus especially on pastoral standards; Mrs Edgeler, our new SENCO; Mrs Mottahgi, Head of English; Ms Newton, teacher of Maths, and Mrs Harris, Teacher of Technology. I wish them every success as they settle into our staff team.

The summer holiday period saw significant improvements to the school campus, from a new sports hall floor, to improved toilet facilities and social space; and a new pastoral hub, making support for students more accessible at the centre of the school. I would like to thank Mr Ricketts, Site Manager, and his team who worked wonders in managing a wide range of projects to completion.

A special welcome to those parents and carers whose children are joining St Edward's this year. Thank-you for choosing us for your child's secondary education. We look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Every year provides opportunities to build further upon previous successes. Our priorities this year are to raise academic and pastoral standards still higher, and also to ensure that we are giving parents and carers the information that they need in order to support their child. A new programme for parents and carers of teenagers starts here on September 20th at 7.15pm, and it looks like it will be a great opportunity to share experiences and address the needs of our children. More information will follow shortly - I'll be hoping to get some tips for my own children, and I hope to see you there!

I look forward to seeing you at St Edward's soon,

With all good wishes,

Mr M Antram
Headteacher