



Winterton Community Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we commence another school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you and to share some further information ahead of the new term.

Firstly, I am delighted to say that our results in the summer were fantastic. Our Year 11's worked exceptionally well and as a result, they made good progress. The percentage of pupils who achieved a good pass (5+) in both English and Maths improved significantly, placing us well above national average at 54%. This measure also saw the school ranked as the second highest performing school in North Lincolnshire. The percentage of students achieving a standard pass in both English and Maths (4+) was also the second highest in the authority at 76%. With similar results achieved across Science, Languages and Humanities, we are very proud of everything that they achieved.

I would like to provide you with a brief update in relation to our staffing structure. I am delighted to say that we are fully staffed across all areas of the school and I have every confidence in the ability of our teachers to ensure your child receives a high standard of education and guidance. Just one note to mention, in Technology, our new department leader (Mr Clarke) is currently taking paternity leave following the birth of his new child. He will be joining us therefore, in 2 weeks.

In addition, Mrs Miller has taken the decision to retire from teaching and will be missed greatly by staff and students alike.

This year, we have introduced a new piece of software within the classroom which I believe will greatly enhance our ability to share information with you as a parent. From this point forward, all behaviour logs will be taken electronically, with a live dashboard enabling both myself, senior leaders and the pastoral team to monitor positive and negative behaviours in real time across the school.

I believe this will help us achieve a greater level of consistency in terms of managing and supporting behaviour and will allow us to quickly intervene and support any lesson if behaviour is not meeting the standard that we expect. In addition, this system will allow us to record positive behaviours more readily and these will feed directly into our reward and recognition prize draw at the end of each half term.

Your son / daughter will soon be receiving details to enable them to log in and use the SAM Learning platform. SAM learning provides our students with access to thousands of online resources to allow them to further their study and deepen their understanding. Whilst we will utilise SAM to set homework and extension tasks, it can also be accessed as a brilliant resource for independent study. Our pupils will have an account where they can build up rewards and develop an online avatar.

More importantly, research shows that pupils who access SAM learning at least three times a week for fifteen minutes, enhance their GCSE grades by one whole grade. I would encourage the use of SAM learning to support study at home wherever possible. In school, we can track how much time a pupil has spent working on this and will have league tables and prizes to reflect this.

With the launch of vertical tutoring at the school, it is a hugely exciting time to be a part of Winterton Community Academy and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr Rowlands
Headteacher