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Dear Parents

I am writing at the beginning of a new academic year to bring you up-to-date with news and developments at The Royal High School.

Public Examination Results

We were delighted by our GCSE and A Levels this summer. At GCSE our students achieved a 98.9% pass rate at Grades A* to C with 61.5% of the passes at Grades A* and A. Once again we had a significant number of students achieving amongst the top five marks in the country in all Modern Languages subjects as follows:-

Italian	Charlotte Outen and Amy Lyddon-Towl
Spanish	Charlotte Outen and Emma Ferguson
German	Victoria Price and Samantha Elson
French	Emily Rees

At A Level our students achieved a 99.5% overall pass rate with no less than 76.2% of the grades at A and B. This represents an 8% improvement on last year's results. Both English and Chemistry departments achieved their best ever results. Particularly worthy of mention is Cecily Rainey who achieved one of the top five marks in the country at Art and Design. Our AS Level results were more patchy and whilst a much higher proportion of students got 3 A's or more, there were also a larger number with one or more lower Grades. We will, of course, be addressing the individual issues to ensure that all our students fulfil their potential at A2 next summer.

For the first time ever Year 10 students sat GCSE Science modules a year early and the results were outstandingly good. 67% of the modules were graded A*, 28% at A and 5% at grade B. Following this success we now intend that all of Year 10 will sit their first Science modules a year early.

I attach a full list of results for your perusal.

New Staff

This term we have welcomed a number of new staff to The Royal High School, as follows:

Teaching Staff

Mr James Nowak	Full-Time Biology and Psychology
Mrs Eileen McAllister	Part-Time Biology (Maternity Cover)
Mrs Pat Lunter	Full-Time Biology (Cover for Sick Leave)
Mr Paul Murphy	Full-Time Chemistry and Maths
Mr Tom Morison	Full-Time Head of PE
Mr Ben Pender	Full-Time Drama
Mrs Joanne Isom	Part-Time Geography
Mrs Melissa Fieldsend-Danks	Part-Time Art (Maternity Cover)
Mrs Mel Cook	Part-Time RS

Support Staff

Miss Rebecca Key
Mr Christian Duckworth
Ms Karen Skeates
Mr James Kellock
Miss Emma Blackmore
Miss Zoe Tinkler
Miss Sophie Webb

Full-Time Performing Arts Technician
Part-Time Art Technician
Full-Time Biology Technician
Part-Time Hockey Coach
Part-Time Netball Coach
Resident Boarding Assistant
Temporary Boarding Assistant

Developments

Over the summer we have successfully completed Phase 1 of the Sixth Form College development, and I do hope that parents will take the opportunity to look around the fabulous new facilities now available to Sixth Form students. Phase 2 will be completed during the next Summer Holidays.

In addition we have refurbished 3 rooms for Speech and Drama tuition in the Main School building.

Plans have now been submitted for the development of a new Art Department and the conversion of the Chapel as a Performing Arts Centre. Both projects are due for completion by September 2008.

The IB Developments

I wrote to you in May to let you know that we had been awarded IB Candidate Status following our application to offer the IB Diploma from September 2008. On September 18 and 19 we will have the Authorisation Visit from members of the IB Organisation. The purpose of this visit is simply to check on our preparations and preparedness for the introduction of the Programme.

Finally I would like to remind you that if you have any queries or concerns you should not hesitate to contact me to discuss them.

Yours sincerely



James Graham-Brown
Headmaster

