2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I do hope the summer has been a good one for you and your loved ones.

Following on from my letter of  $\underline{19^{th} July}$  and the other communication from my team over the summer, I am writing with a few key reminders about the start of the new school year and with some fantastic news about the summer results.

## **Summer results**

The summer outcomes were a huge improvement on previous years. I am incredibly proud of all the students, and the staff and families that supported them. 61% of students achieved a pass in both English and Maths, with 44% securing a strong pass in these core subjects. This achievement is projected to surpass the national average for the first time, reflecting an impressive 18% improvement in a single year. It is likely that Denton Community College may stand out as one of the most improved schools in the country.

I hope you have seen the local news coverage and social media about the summer results. If you haven't, please follow this link for a summary and some fabulous images from what was a wonderfully celebratory results day: <a href="https://dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk/results-day-2024/">https://dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk/results-day-2024/</a>

This is just the first milestone in our improvement journey with Northern Education Trust and it shows that any student who attends well, behaves well and works hard can achieve fantastic results at Denton Community College. I make no apologies for my high expectations in all these areas – it should just be a basic expectation that students attend school on time, behave well and work hard – and I am sure you will support our continued work to make sure that next year's results are even better!

## What time do students return?

You should have the information you need for the start dates and times for each year group. Mrs Hampson wrote to you last week with this and links to the letters are below:

Year 7

Years 8, 9, 10

Year 11 a text message has been sent with the arrangements.

Mrs Hampson also detailed the equipment that is needed and reinforced important areas such as uniform and working at home.

## Travel plan

In my July 19<sup>th</sup> letter I explained that the end of day exit onto Crown Point North is now closed and that, as an alternative, students will be able to use the path at the back of school and exit onto Egerton Street. I have attached a travel plan to this letter which shows routes and other key information about getting to and from school. If you use a car to transport your child, can I encourage you to use the Crown Point North car park,



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rather than getting caught in the congestion on Taylor Lane or inconveniencing our neighbours on Egerton Street.

Finally, I would like to finish by welcoming our new Year 7s and their families to Denton Community College. I do hope they are excited and looking forward to a fantastic five years as part of our school community.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr D Cumming** 

**Acting Headteacher**