

ACS PARENTS NEWS

Monday 17 September- Friday 21 September - Issue #1

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ALL	Wednesday 26 September - All students Open Evening. School will finish at 1:20pm
ALL	Thursday 27 September - All students Late Start. Students arrive at 11:00am
13	Monday 1 October - Year 13 UCAS references final deadline
ALL	Tuesday 2 October - All students Governors in School Day
ALL	Thursday 11 October: All Students Extended Learning Day
13	Monday 15 October - Year 13 Examinations begin
13	Monday 15 October - Year 13 UCAS Early Bird Deadline
ALL	Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October All Students: Half Term
11	Thursday 1 November - Year 11 Sixth Form Open Evening - Parents and Students
7 8 9 10 12	Monday 5 November - Friday 9 November Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 Academic Review Week
11	Monday 12 November - Year 11 Examinations begin
11	Monday 26 November - Year 11 Practical Examinations begin
ALL	Friday 30 November - All Students Academy Day. School closed.
ALL	Monday 3 December - All Students Staff Training Day. School closed.



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome our first Parent News of the Autumn Term 2018. I am pleased to say that we have made an excellent start to the new academic year. Our new Year 7 students have settled in very well and they have all participated in the annual trip to Longridge Activity Centre.

Once again, we are very proud of the results our students achieved in their summer examinations. In spite of the challenges of the new more demanding GCSEs, our Year 11 students achieved our [best ever GCSE results](#). Outcomes for the most able students were exceptional with a quarter of students achieving the top grades (9-7) in English and maths. There were almost 100 grades at 9-7 in the sciences – biology, chemistry and physics. In total, ACS students achieved over 350 grades at 9-7/A*-A.

Our Year 13 students exceeded all expectations with a [tremendous set of A Level results](#). Our students were awarded a staggering 81 A* and A grades, with almost 50% of the examinations being awarded A*, A or B grades. As a result more than 40% of the A level cohort has been accepted onto top degree courses at prestigious Russell Group universities.

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It is important that students get into the right habits. They need to be **READY** for learning. This means they need to take **RESPONSIBILITY** for themselves and organise their equipment for the school day. Equipment includes exercise books, pens, pencils, rulers and also their PE kit. **Please be aware that we are unable to pass on equipment (including PE kit) to students after the school day has started.** We will always find a way to make sure your child continues to learn. For example, if your child has not brought in their PE kit they will be given another role in the lesson e.g. referee or time-keeper.