

# ACS PARENTS NEWS

Monday 02 September - Friday 06 September Issue #1

## Dates for your Diary

12	<b>Thursday 12 September - Year 12</b> Presentation Evening
ALL	<b>Friday 20 September - All</b> Extended Learning Day - Wellbeing
ALL	<b>Wednesday 25 September - All</b> Open Evening - Early finish
13	<b>Monday 14 October</b> UCAS Early Bird Deadline
ALL	<b>21 October - 25 October</b> All students - Half Term
11	<b>Thursday 31 October - Year 11</b> Sixth Form Open Evening - Parents and Students
ALL	<b>Friday 22 November</b> Academy Day. School closed.
ALL	<b>Monday 2 December</b> Staff Training Day - No students in school
ALL	<b>23 December - 03 January</b> All students - Christmas Holiday

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARENT GOVERNOR?

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Photo: Mr Gerard McKenna BSc(Hons) NPQH

## Message from the Headteacher

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first Parents News of the Autumn Term 2019. We have made an excellent start to the new academic year and during the summer examinations, our students have again exceeded all our expectations with an excellent set of results.

This year we have again improved our attainment score in spite of the increased challenge of the new GCSEs. The results for the most able students were exceptional in the new more demanding GCSEs with 20% of students achieving the top grades (9-7) in English and maths. There were almost 80 grades at 9-7 in the sciences – biology, chemistry and physics. In total, ACS students achieved almost 300 grades at 9-7/A\*-A.

At A Level, our students have been awarded 90 A\* and A grades, with over 50% of the examinations being awarded A\*, A or B grades. As a result, many of our students have been accepted at prestigious Russell Group universities. Special congratulations go to Hamza Ahmadi who achieved A\*A\*A and will read Medicine at Cambridge University and Balqis Ali who achieved A\*, A, B and will read English at Cambridge University.

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**Being READY to learn means being organised for the learning.**

One simple way to do this is to pack your school bag the night before, checking your timetable to make sure that everything is in there for your lessons the following day. But the most important part of being ready to learn is that students arrive to lessons with a positive attitude, are actively taking part, asking lots of questions and trying their best at all times.

**Are you READY for the new school year?**

# READY