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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: A Strong Start to the Term

It has been fantastic to welcome students back to The Burgess Hill Academy. They have returned looking incredibly smart, refreshed and ready to go after the summer break. There has been a calm and positive atmosphere around the academy, and I would like to thank families for helping us make such a strong start.

Students return to an academy in a strong position. Another excellent set of GCSE results this summer builds on the progress of recent years, and we are extremely proud of last year's Year 11 students and the staff who supported them.

One of the clearest messages from our analysis of those results is the importance of attendance and attitude to learning. Students with an Attitude to Learning (ATL) score of 4+ and high attendance achieved, on average, around a grade and a half more progress than expected, with many achieving two to four grades above expectations from their starting points.

This gives us real confidence in the provision students receive at the academy, from our broad and balanced curriculum and the quality of teaching to the support, opportunities and character development available to them.

We want every student to leave us as a confident, capable young person with excellent outcomes and a wide range of choices open to them. We will therefore be unapologetically ambitious about attendance and engagement with learning, working closely with students and families, particularly where there are concerns or barriers that we need to address together.

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This year also marks an exciting new chapter for the academy as part of Sussex Learning Trust. Being part of the Trust gives our schools the opportunity to work together, build on the best practice within each academy and learn from one another. The Burgess Hill Academy has much to contribute, as well as much to gain from working closely with colleagues across the Trust.

Thank you for your continued support. On behalf of everyone at the academy, we look forward to working with you to help your child achieve their very best.

Yours faithfully,



Phil Snelling
Acting Headteacher

