

Dear Parents/Carers

May I take this opportunity to welcome your child back to Pleckgate, after what I hope has been a restful summer holiday. I am delighted that Pleckgate students have once again achieved excellent GCSE results. Some highlights include:

- Continued improvements on the 2018 results which saw the school judged as outstanding across all areas in January 2019.
- All ability groups have made good progress, and overall, students were awarded 97 grade 8's & 39 grade 9's across a wide range of subjects
- Continued strong progress in both English and mathematics, with an exceptional haul of 13 grade 9's and 23 grade 8's in mathematics.
- High levels of attainment in extracurricular GCSE subjects studied such as GCSE Further maths, and additional GCSE foreign language qualifications.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new year 7 students, who represent another significant increase in the number of parents and students selecting Pleckgate. As a growing school, please could I ask you as a parent/carer to support the practicalities of school life in the following ways:

1. Making sure that school is **kept informed of your contact details**, notifying the school of any changes as soon as possible.
2. Sending your child to school with a **fully waterproof coat**. Too many students arrive at school without a coat and should the weather be poor at break or lunchtime, their uniform inevitably gets wet and cold.
3. **Money for school lunches** is placed on a student's account by you, avoiding the need for your child to waste time in school using the payment stations. This can be done by logging on to your school ParentPay account at <http://www.pleckgate.com/parents/parentpay/>
4. Ensuring that your child brings their **IPad to school fully charged**. The IPad is a great learning tool that staff use on a daily basis.

Please could I also ask if you would support your child to arrive at school on time, wearing the correct uniform and school shoes, not trainers. We are also a 'Healthy Eating School' and we do not encourage students to bring fizzy drinks, sweets or crisps to school. The school canteen provides a wide range of meals and snacks and has won numerous awards for their healthy meeting menu.

I look forward to a positive start to the new academic year and ask for you to help us by guiding your children to show respect for our school ethos of Aspire & Believe, Act & Succeed. Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes

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