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VSH/KW/Parents

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very positive start back after the summer break, with students and staff rested and refreshed and ready for another year's excellent learning and progress.

Congratulations to our students who have performed so very well in GCSE and A Level examinations. Again, some record results this year, with the GCSE results being the best in the history of The Pingle Academy. This represents a lot of hard work on the part of students and staff and great support from parents and carers.

Our priorities for this academic year include promoting independent learning and resilience to ensure all students are engaged in their learning and maximise their potential and also the implementation of the Careers and Enterprise Strategy Widening Participation Programme to help to raise the aspirations of all students.

I am making clear to all students this week in assemblies our high expectations and encouraging all to aim high and be the best that they can be. We want to inspire all students to reach for their goals with confidence: all students can and will achieve. "Growth Mindset" culture will underpin our work this year, with all staff challenging and supporting students to be the best that they can be. Our mantra is "Aim high, never give up, you will succeed!"

Regular and thorough completion of homework is a crucial factor. A student who completes one hour of homework on each evening during term time over their five years at the Academy will have around 1,000 hours of additional learning. This is significant. Please support your children by checking MILK and encouraging them to get into good habits from the first week. Please consult your child's Progress Leader if you need any support with homework.

I attach the code of conduct for students and also the Quality Standards for students; this document sets out clearly what we believe are the ingredients for our students to be successful learners. The Quality Standards for parents and carers are also attached. This provides useful practical suggestions about how you can help your children.

In particular, I should be grateful if you could ensure students have their pocket book every day, even if it is a no blazer day. Also, please ensure your child attends every day unless they are clearly unfit to attend. Attendance below 95% will be classified by the Trust as persistent absence and a process will be followed. Please also remember that Principals cannot authorise holidays in term time and the Local Authority will fine parents/carers if they do this. Your understanding and support are appreciated.

Please find attached a letter from the new CEO of the de Ferrers Trust; Mr McNeilly also passes on his congratulations on this year's examination results.



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Finally, you know how important it is to us to ensure that we take every step to ensure your children are safe and happy in and out of the Academy. Please refer to our website for details of our child protection and safeguarding policies and links to useful advice for parents and carers. Parent Link is a useful site which gives advice on child internet safety: <https://parentinfo.org/>. Please contact Mr Waller, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, if you need more information on any aspect of safeguarding.

We look forward to a safe and productive term.

Yours sincerely

V Sharples

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