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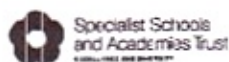
Dear Parent/Carer,

I am very pleased to inform you the percentage of students who achieved 5 plus good GCSEs including English and Maths increased by over 10% indicating an improving trend of attainment that reflects the positive impact of school improvement strategies over the past year. I am confident the school will continue to improve achievement with the introduction of new 'aspirational subjects targets' for every student in all subjects. Please take time to check your child's school planner where they will record their targets and progress each term. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance, either by using your child's planner, writing a note or leaving a message with the school office.

To further develop progress we have improved the format of the reports, in particular to accurately report on progress against targets. We will provide further information to explain how progress is measured with reports for the Autumn Term.

During the summer period we commenced improvements to the facilities including the toilets and this marks the beginning of a longer term programme to bring the building up to modern standards. However, whilst some major works, such as the new heating boilers, are funded by the Local Authority, other aspects remain the responsibility of the school such the PE changing rooms. Therefore I am very grateful to the 'Friends of Priory' who have agreed to support the cost of redecorating and improving the changing rooms. Please support their efforts by participating and contributing to the fund raising events they are organising.

I am also pleased to inform you that following a review of our catering service, the governors have agreed to outsource the service to Lancashire County Commercial services. We are planning to hand over to LCC later this term and hope to see improvements with our school meals service shortly afterwards. Again further information about this development will follow in due course.



Science



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

We were pleased to welcome new members to the teaching staff in September. Ms MacRae and Mr Mobbs joined the science department and Ms Galloway increases the staffing in the modern languages department. Sadly we said goodbye to Mrs Bettes who took up a post in another school and we wish both Mrs McCleery and Mr Madgin a long and happy retirement. We also wish to thank Mrs Fletcher, who retired after serving many years as the School Bursar.

During the short period of time leading the school I have been very impressed by the students, the majority of whom are polite, considerate and hard working. The Annual Awards Assemblies, in which all students received their School Award Certificates, demonstrated how talented, capable young people many are with a great deal of potential. I look forward to seeing each one make progress and improve their standards of attainment throughout this year.

Finally, I am sure you will be pleased to know the governors have agreed the programme for appointing a new Headteacher later this term with the intention of enabling the successful candidate to take up their post in the Summer Term or sooner if possible.

I would be grateful if you could note the important dates and further information included with this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P J Cunningham
Executive Headteacher

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Tutor Group:

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Signed:

(Parent/Carer)

Date:

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