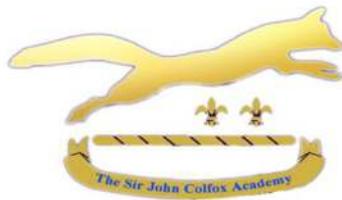


# The Sir John Colfox Academy



**Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence**

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September 2019

Dear Parents

Please find some information about our successes this summer as well as other useful information.

## **Examination Results:**

**Post 16:** You may have seen the press release in the Bridport news but once again, we were delighted with our student's results. 50% of the grades achieved were at A\*-B or Distinction\*/Distinction level. This has been a fantastic year for overall results for students who have studied here with us or at our Yeovil College partnership. This partnership is allowing all students to access the courses that will help them in the future. It is also worth noting that some of our top performing A level students have won places to study at top end universities including Oxford and Cambridge. Well done to all those students who are now moving into their next phase their hard work and dedication has paid off.

## **GCSE:**

The outgoing Year 11 students have performed at the highest level and have achieved fantastic results. 71% of the students achieved at least a grade 4 in English and Maths. Many students exceeded expectations and predictions in many subject areas, this is particularly impressive as I am sure you have seen in the press, they have taken more challenging exams with the new GCSE's. It is great to see so many students returning to the Sixth Form. Although it will be a while before national results are published we will be above the national average again. This is a real credit to the hard work of the students.

When we look at both these fantastic achievements it is also down to the hard work and fantastic teachers that have ensured that all students achieve well. They are a dedicated group who really care about the students they teach and nurture them.

## **Extra-Curricular Clubs:**

Attached to this letter are the extra-curricular clubs for this term. More will be added as the term progress and students should check the weekly bulletin and clubs notice board. We would encourage all students to be taking part in at least one activity as it so important in ensuring they have a broad and balanced education. We have started our internal House competitions this week with Tug of War, and many more to follow over the course of the year.

### **Music Lessons:**

#### **We currently offer music lessons in:**

Piano

Strings: Violin/Viola/Cello,

Guitars: Acoustic, electric, bass and ukulele.

Drums

Singing

Woodwind and Brass

Ukulele

For more information about individual music lessons (including costs) please contact our Head of Music, Brian Hocking at [hockingb@colfox.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:hockingb@colfox.dorset.sch.uk)

### **Homework Club:**

The library will be open on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** until 5.00pm. This provides an opportunity for students to complete homework (and get some help!) in a quiet environment with ICT facilities available. Students don't need to book into this and are free to turn up on any night that suits them; Mrs Dixon and team will be delighted to see them and we usually have older students on hand to help when needed.

### **Year 11 Study Space:**

Year 11 will once again have a dedicated study space including computer access in A108. This is available to them before school, at lunch and after school. This will give them somewhere quiet to work with many resources to help them for all their subjects. Year 11 parents do not forget on Thursday 19 September you are invited to attend our Year 11 success evening starting in the hall at 7.00pm. This event will show how your son or daughter can succeed in their GCSE's at the end of the year.

### **Uniform:**

I am pleased to see just how smart the students look on their return to school. I would like to thank parents and students for the positive response on this. The skirts that were introduced last year are something that we will be monitoring this year, some students have not been wearing these so will be picked up and asked to correct it. I would like to thank parents for your support with this. Please remember that if trousers are being worn, they must be of full length and not skinny, slim leg or tight fitting. The full list of uniform guidelines is on the website and printed in the student's planners. Uniform here is excellent and the guidance easy to follow, so please ensure that your son or daughter does, we would much rather be focusing on the learning then nagging them because they have not followed the rules so support is appreciated. If you have any individual queries, please do contact the relevant Head of School.

### **Parents Calendar:**

This is attached to this letter. It is largely unchanged from the copy that was sent in July. Obviously extra events, trips and visits will be added during the year but we hope this list might help you in planning your child's year and identify where possible costs that might be incurred.

### **Parent Mail and MCAS:**

If you do not currently receive letters via Parent Mail and would like to, please provide your email address by emailing [office@colfox.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@colfox.dorset.sch.uk) Please remember My Child At School (MCAS) enables you to stay in touch with your child's activity in school. You can view what homework has been set, student timetables, school reports and parent's evenings, along with many other features. All new parents have been sent their access code. If any existing parents have lost these and would like to use this then please contact [office@colfox.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@colfox.dorset.sch.uk)

**Who to contact:**

Please find attached a useful list of who to contact in school with any queries or questions you may have.

**Social Media:**

The school has a 'Twitter' account (@SirJohnColfox). We do try our best to keep it updated with points of interest and some real time pictures from school events. If you are not already following us please do. We will also continue to update the website where additional key information can be found [www.colfox.org](http://www.colfox.org)

**Buses:**

If you have any issues with buses (or general points to make) than please do share with Mr Hoffmann (Deputy Head) [hoffmannm@colfox.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:hoffmannm@colfox.dorset.sch.uk)

We have had a fantastic start to the term and our students make us proud. I look forward to meeting more parents at some of the events coming up.

Yours sincerely



Adam Shelley  
Headteacher

**Enclosed: Parents Calendar, Extra Curricular Activities and Who to Contact**