

13th September 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians

It was fantastic to greet our existing students and our new students last week, all looking very smart, excited and some, understandably, a little nervous. I'm pleased to report that they have all settled in extremely well and our year 7s are starting to find their way around both the building and their new timetables with ease.

Once again we are celebrating our 'best ever' examination results where our students have performed above 'National Averages' in almost all key performance measures. 75% of our students achieved a grade 4 to 9 in English and Maths combined. This demonstrated a fantastic achievement given the additional challenges of the new examination structure and grading system within these subjects.

Health and Safety Issue - Since the start of term we have noticed a small number of parents swinging into the school drive to drop off students; executing a sharp u turn in a busy area for vehicles and student pedestrians. In addition, at school pick up times, we are experiencing a high number of parents using the school bus stop and school drive for parking and waiting. Please could everyone use the large visitor's car park (signposted off the school drive) to drop off and collect students.

Communication – Important information (progress reports etc.) will be sent out to you by post. Newsletters, updates, information, or letters about school will go home with your student, if we have an important matter we will send you a message about it. We send out a large number of messages, letters and newsletters throughout the year and we cannot confirm that these get to you, please ensure you check our website regularly for any new information, especially the [parents - letters and information](#) page.

We will also send out snippets of good news via social media, on twitter, which you can see on our website, (scroll down the Home page) or you can follow the feed https://twitter.com/TQEA_Principal or [@TQEA_Principal](#) for tweets. Or via our Facebook page, again you can go to our website and scroll down for the link, or find us by searching TQEA – The Queen Elizabeth Academy or by using the link [Facebook.com/TQEA](https://www.facebook.com/TQEA) .

If you would like to contact us you can telephone and talk to our receptionist between 8.30am and 4pm Monday to Friday during term time. You can also email us at info@tgea.org.uk and we will respond as soon as possible.

On a final note, we will be holding our annual Open Evening on Thursday 28th September 2017, on this day all students will still receive 5 hours of education provision, but due to the changes to the timing of the school day **we will finish at 2.45pm instead of 3.05pm**. If you would like your child to stay with a member of staff until 3.05pm please email info@tgea.org.uk and let us know.

Yours sincerely



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