Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Myself and all the staff at TQEA have been absolutely delighted to welcome our students back this week as we begin our new academic year. We already have lots to celebrate as they have demonstrated our TQEA values of endeavour, resilience, pride and kindness. Please do keep updated by viewing our social media accounts and our weekly newsletters. We are excited for the year ahead and know that we can and we will achieve great things this year.

I write to you today, not only to welcome you back, but to also introduce myself as the Head of Academy at TQEA. I have been part of the TQEA family for the past six years, initially as Assistant Principal and more recently as Deputy Principal. I am both privileged and proud to continue to build on our successes for your children and for the community as we endeavour to provide an extraordinary educational experience for all.

I am proud to be part of the Queen Elizabeth Academy. As a parent and a professional, I know the importance of a great school and community and the difference that it can make to our young people. I firmly believe in creating a positive culture where all young people can achieve their potential – both in and outside of the classroom. This is why I believe in upholding high expectations for all. This, alongside an environment where students are challenged, supported to succeed and provided with a wide range of opportunities, will ensure that every student at TQEA leaves as a competent, capable and confident young person ready to develop the future version of themselves.

In August, we were able to celebrate with our Year 11 students and their families as they collected their GCSE exam results. The students surpassed our expectations and were able to secure some amazing results. This year we were able to celebrate some of our best GCSE results as an academy with a strong positive progress figure and a clear improvement in our key benchmark figures such as the number of students achieving Grade 4s and Grade 5s in both English and Maths. This is down to the hard work, determination and resilience of those young people, but also to the dedication, commitment and expertise of our teachers. We are really excited to see what our new Year 11 cohort will achieve this year – they are set for greatness!

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of myself, your children and the academy. A strong Parent-Academy partnership is vital and by working together we are able to support every child in achieving their potential. As we begin this new term, I would like to emphasise the importance of maintaining clear and consistent expectations. Our approach to uniform requirements and mobile phone use remains straightforward across all year groups. Our uniform policy can be found on our website using the following link: [Uniform & Equipment - The Queen Elizabeth Academy](https://tqea.attrust.org.uk/parents/uniform-equipment/). This ensures that our primary focus continues to be on teaching and learning. I am grateful for your continued support in upholding these standards, which contributes significantly to our positive school culture.

Attendance remains a very high priority for us as a community. The GCSE results show us that students with attendance below 90% were 1.25 of a grade lower that students with an attendance of 95%. If students are not in school, we are not able to support them in achieving their potential. It is vital that all students are in school.

The Education Secretary shared the same message nationally over the weekend. You can read the articles on the BBC here: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cg7jk3rr225o>

The information shared by the government suggests that if your chid misses a day in their first week, they are 57% more likely to become persistently absent (have attendance below 90%). It has been wonderful over the last few days to see we have started with strong attendance across all year groups and we have celebrated multiple tutor groups already achieving 100% attendance. It is important to continue to work together to ensure that students are in school, on time, and in lessons, and for this great attendance to continue throughout the academic year.

I look forward to continuing to work with you all as we take TQEA into this new and exciting academic year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Alison Morris

**Head of Academy**