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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you and your children for settling back into school life and enjoying their learning during the first two weeks of term. We have already received many positive comments from the community and our neighbouring primary schools about how smart and well-behaved our students are on their way to and from school.

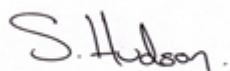
You might have seen that the academy secured some excellent GCSE and A Level results during the summer. Almost half (45%) of all GCSE grades achieved the new Grade 4 (Standard Pass) or higher – this is 15% higher than last year. The proportion of students securing a Grade 5 (Strong Pass) in both English and Maths also improved by 5%. We are expecting a significant improvement in our Progress score and this demonstrates the vast improvements that have been made at the academy.

Almost half (43%) of our A Level grades were the highest A*, A or B grades, and 74% of all grades were A*-C. The results should secure our place as one of the best Sixth Forms in Peterborough once again. As a result, the highest proportion of our students have now moved onto university than ever before.

Because of the continued improvements, I have now taken the extra responsibility for secondary school standards across the whole Trust and will share my time between Queen Katharine Academy and Thomas Deacon Academy as the Trust's Director of Secondary Education.

This means that I have the great pleasure of confirming that Mrs Mayes has been appointed Head of School at Queen Katharine Academy. Mrs Mayes will play a key strategic role in leading the academy, alongside assuming day-to-day responsibilities, as we look to build further on the improvements made to date. Mrs Mayes has worked closely with me over the past three years and, along with a very effective senior management team, has contributed significantly to the Academy's recent progress. I am looking forward to working alongside Mrs Mayes to continue the academy's developments and I am sure that you will welcome and support her in her new role.

Yours sincerely,



Scott Hudson
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