



# PARKSIDE

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers

I am delighted to write to you at the beginning of the new academic year.

I am pleased to report that the students have made a fantastic start to the new term. The vast majority of our students have settled nicely and got into the new routines for learning exceptionally well.

As you will have heard, Parkside has had a third successive record breaking year and celebrates another set of excellent GCSE results. The excellent gains of the last two years have been sustained and improved upon, in many areas. Students successfully studied the reformed GCSEs in English and maths which are more demanding and wholly examination assessed. Furthermore students studied a suite of 8-10 GCSE subjects giving a good foundation for post 16 studies.

Attainment across the board was impressive. I was particularly pleased with the following headline measures that clearly show **Parkside is now moving towards outstanding**.

Parkside 2017		National Average 2016	Comparison with schools nationally
9-4 GCSE English & Maths	73%	62%	Above
9-4 GCSE English	76.5%	74%	Above
9-4 GCSE Maths	81%	68%	Above
9-4 GCSE EBacc	33%	24%	Above

\*please note that the national averages for this year are yet to be published

Our zero tolerance with uniform, behaviour and punctuality has ensured a positive start to the academic year for the vast majority of students. I thank all parents for their continued support in ensuring that these high school standards are kept. We are determined to provide the best possible education for all students by raising aspirations of our young people and their families. Parental engagement is key to the school's success and we want to strengthen the way we work with you this year.

#### Please find enclosed

- Student data sheets for checking and updating. **ALL forms with or without changes need to be returned by 22 September 2017**
- Homework Timetable. Please support your child to complete all homework set.
- Calendar 2017-18. Please note key dates for your child, especially parents' evenings.

I look forward to meeting and speaking with you in the near future either in person or on the telephone.

With very best wishes,

Kam Grewal-Joy  
Headteacher