



6th September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to express how proud I am to be the Principal of Breda Academy. It is such a privilege to lead my devoted teachers and support staff as we work closely with you in partnership to support, guide, and help all our young people enjoy school and make progress in their learning. Breda students are brilliant! They really are, and I see it every day. They are all talented in so many different ways. I am very much looking forward to an exciting, positive, and successful future journey for our school community.

As you may have seen on our Facebook page and / or on other social media platforms our year 12 students achieved the highest exam scores in the school's history; 78.5% (102 students) achieved 5 or more A* - C GCSE or equivalent grades, close to 60% achieved 7 or more and many of our students achieved 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13! Not only that, but all of our year 14 students now move on to start University courses, Apprenticeships and careers in the workplace and proudly leave us with the necessary skills, education, and resilience to be successful lifelong learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens. It was also extremely pleasing to welcome back from year 12 our largest intake of students to study A-Level and Level 3 qualifications in year 13.

The highlight of this week for me was welcoming all of our students back from the summer break, but especially meeting our new year 8 students and sharing in their energy, happiness, and enthusiasm for school. It was a joy to see them so excited about the trip to Dundonald Ice Bowl with a pizza lunch and the trip to the zoo next Friday, we promise not to leave any students behind! I delivered an assembly to all year groups setting out the expectations of a Breda student (Be Polite, Be Ready, Be Safe) and telling them about our new mobile phone policy (they seem to be very pleased about this and it is working very well so far) and stepped sanction system, please ask you son / daughter about these and I will be sending you details about these policies next week.

Finally, for now, I hosted two Education Authority School Improvement Partners on Wednesday and showed them around the school to visit lessons and students in action. To say they were impressed is an understatement! They commented on how enthusiastic and engaged our students were in their learning and when questioning students from all year groups found them to be so positive and proud they were a student at Breda Academy. I will write to you again soon to outline some of the key changes we have made to ensure students experience a positive learning environment.

Yours faithfully

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