

## CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

## A C H I E V E M E N T F O R A L L

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## Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday, an enjoyable rest and our students are ready for a new term of hard work. We have had an impressive return to school and we are all looking forward to this academic year. We want our school to continue to develop into a place where all members of the school community, students, parents and staff, all talk of 'our' achievement and everyone is focused on improving both our collective best and individual best. We want students to be aware of their potential and that achievement is without limit if they combine effort, hard work and dedication to being the best in everything they do. This will be possible if all of us, students, parents and staff are committed to learning and working together in a supportive manner.

Cannock Chase High School is delighted with the successes of its students and is pleased to announce an increase in all of our headline measures including our 9-4 in English and maths and 9-5 in English and maths. With the national focus on progress, (how much value you add to students' performance), Cannock Chase High Schools' Progress 8 score, in comparison to last year's national data, shows that this year students at Cannock Chase High School on average have made better progress than students nationally and remains the only school in the District to do this three years in succession.

We would like to congratulate all of our successful students. Staff and students have worked exceptionally hard to achieve these positive results. Behind these figures lie countless individual student success stories, including George Hughes, Ella Walker, Harry Turnbull, Jody Sutcliffe, Tom Baxter and Joel Danks who made, on average in every subject, two grades better progress than national and Callum Kirby, Toby Squire, Joseph Loveys, George Hughes, Amelia Bragg, Caitlin Gold, and Annabel Nickless who all successfully achieved 8 or more GCSE grades 9/8/7, equivalent to the old A\*/A grades. It is exceptionally pleasing that following our impressive Ofsted report that Cannock Chase High School is continuing its upward trend on academic success for all our students.

The school's successful GCSE results follow on from our record successes in A level achievement, which saw 100% of our students achieving A\*-E on A-level programmes and 100% of our students are leaving to move on to a positive destination, University, apprenticeship or work. Included in that are nearly one fifth of students who have progressed to a Russell Group University.

Noticeable achievements include Head Boy Alex Nickless who has been accepted at the University of Birmingham to study Medicine, Owen Bradbury who will study Economics at the University of Birmingham, Olivia Aldridge who will study Psychology with Education at the University of Durham and Sam Townsend who achieved A\*, A\*, A and has gone on to study Mathematics at Oxford University.

I would like to thank all parents who have supported the school by ensuring that their child has returned to school ready to work hard and be the best they can be. Can I reaffirm to you our

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back to basics approach to education, which is based on mutual respect, standards of uniform, attendance and the academic attainment and progress of students. We have the highest expectations of our students and want to involve all parents and stakeholders to continue to create a real team where everyone plays their part in our success. We are determined that our students will attend in the correct uniform which includes the correct footwear, a traditional, formal shoe.

Advance notice that our Open Evening takes place on Tuesday 25 September and we are expecting that a significant number of students will return to school in the evening to support this event. Similarly please can we all share with our local community our pride in Cannock Chase High School in order that it remains the school of choice within Cannock.

We are in a period of considerable educational change, and in order to support parents and the community in keeping you updated on both national and school changes, you have access to the school website, a twitter feed, a Facebook page and you should have already received your log in for 'Show My Homework':

www.cannockchasehigh.com <sup>6</sup> facebook.com/CCHSofficial <sup>©</sup>@CCHSofficial

All of our improvements at Cannock Chase High School are so that we can achieve our vision, that our school is a vibrant and ambitious learning community with a relentless focus on the highest standards of academic achievement, personal development and equality of opportunity. We achieve this vision through the operation of routines and procedures, an unwavering focus on results, and by offering the very best teaching and support. Students learn, behave and are well mannered. Teachers teach with skill and rigour, showing courtesy. Staff and students enjoy what they do together. Underpinning everything we do at Cannock Chase High School are our values that we expect all members of our community to demonstrate in all they do:

*Integrity*: Doing the right thing, all the time and respecting each other.

*Teamwork*: Working together to improve our collective best, as well as our individual best. *Responsibility*: Taking responsibility for our actions.

*Excellence*: Being the best we can be in all we do.

*Resilience*: Overcoming challenges, remaining focused and working hard.

Finally, now is the time for our young people to take control of their destiny, to believe in themselves, to be prepared and not leave their success to chance. If there is anything we can do to support them and you during this academic term, please get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely

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