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**10 July 2015**

Dear Parent/Carer

This has been another very busy and positive year for Ash Hill Academy and I would like to thank you all for your support.

Enclosed with this letter is Issue 12 of the Academy's Newsletter and I hope that you enjoy reading of some of the exciting events which our students have been involved in.

### **Academy Uniform**

Attached is a uniform leaflet for your information.

### **Examination Results**

A Level Results will be available for collection on **Thursday 13 August from 8.30am until 12 noon**

GCSE Results will be available for collection on **Thursday 20 August** as follows:

**Y11 Students from 8.30am until 12 noon**

**Y10 Students from 10.30am until 12 noon**

Results which have not been collected during the above times will only be available for students in September.

If parents are collecting results on behalf of their children, you will need to bring identification together with a letter from your son/daughter authorising this.

### **Attendance**

It is of vital importance that your child attends school regularly to ensure that they achieve the best that they can and maximise chances in later life. The minimum expectation for your child's attendance is 97%. Parents will be contacted if attendance falls below 96.1%.

Your child's Attendance Certificate is enclosed with this letter; please can you discuss any issues with your son/daughter. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to our Attendance Office.

I would also like to remind you that holidays in term time will not be authorised.

### **First Day Back**

School re-convenes after the summer holidays at 8.30am on Wednesday 2 September. Students in Year 7 need to report to the Auditorium and students in Years 8 to 11 should go direct to their new form rooms.

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## Opening Times

The main gate at the academy will be open at 7.45am and students should not arrive before this time. Students should only access Café Azure, Café Violet or the outdoor social areas from this time until 8.25am.

## Communication with the Academy

There is information about who to contact on the academy's website ([www.ashhillacademy.org.uk](http://www.ashhillacademy.org.uk)). It is important that parents speak with the most appropriate member of staff to ensure there is no delay in dealing with any issue or problem.

## Bursary

This year the academy trialled a bursary for students who receive Pupil Premium funding. Following an external review of the use of this funding, the bursary will no longer continue. However, if a parent/carer has any specific concerns or worries about the health and well-being of their child they need to contact the academy for support.

## Show My Homework

In September, we will continue to use the online homework tracker "Show My Homework" to keep you up-to-date with what homework your child has been set. Anyone can access this tracker by visiting the web address:

[ashhill.showmyhomework.co.uk/](http://ashhill.showmyhomework.co.uk/)

If you login with your username and password, you will see a personalised calendar for your child. Reminders of login details will be sent out in September.

## Parking

Please can I, once again, ask that parents do **not** park on the school drive or in the staff car parks when dropping off or collecting children from the academy. This is creating a health and safety risk for our students. Also, in the event of any accident happening, the Academy cannot accept any liability due to the fact that this is private property. Please can we ask for your support in this.

## Staff Update

I would like to welcome the following members of staff who join us in September:

Miss S Abeysekera	Teacher of English
Mr J Dancocks	Teacher of Mathematics
Ms C Davies	Teacher of Art
Mr P Green	Teaching Assistant
Mr B Hepworth	Teacher of History
Mr M Honeybone	Teacher of Mathematics
Mr P Langton	Teacher of Maths
Miss R Lawrence	Teacher of English
Mr V Marklew	Teacher of Performing Arts
Ms L Marsh	Teacher of English
Mr J Rotheram	Teacher of English

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**Dates for your Diary:**

Wednesday 2 September

Monday 7 September

Thursday 24 September

Friday 24 October

The Academy re-opens to students

School Photographs for Year 7 students

Open Evening for Year 6 Parents

The Academy closes for the Autumn Half Term Holiday

Yours faithfully

**D WILLIAMS**  
Principal