

# WEST HILL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is a pleasure to write my first letter of the new academic year to you to highlight some of our successes over the previous academic year and some reminders of some key dates and arrangements in the coming weeks.

## GCSE Examination Results 2016

### Our Best Ever Results

#### Percentage of boys achieving a grade C or higher in both English and Mathematics

To continue to emphasise the importance of English and Mathematics, the DfE are still going to publish the percentage of students who achieve both a C grade or higher in both English and Mathematics as this is often the passport onto further and higher education.

The percentage of boys achieving C grade or higher in both English and Maths significantly improved for the second consecutive year to produce our best ever results.

75% of our Year 11 boys achieved a grade C pass or better in both Mathematics and English. This is a 14% improvement on the previous year.

The English and Mathematics departments both produced their best ever results at A\* to C. 90% of boys achieved C grade or higher in English and 76% of boys achieved a C grade or higher in Mathematics.

#### Progress 8

The most important new way of publishing school GCSE performance is **Progress 8**.

The DfE have produced a short video explaining the progress 8 measure and this can be found on the following link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4IAEgFMSGDY>

The provisional Progress 8 Score for West Hill School our Year 11 boys is **+0.34**. This means on average the boys of West Hill achieved more than 3 grades higher in their best 8 subjects than they were expected to achieve. This is an excellent outcome.

#### A & A\*

On top of this over **30%** of all GCSE grades achieved by the boys in 2016 were **A and A\***, another exceptional outcome.

These outcomes are only possible through the hard work and the dedication of the staff, the students and the support the boys and school receive from those at home. So we would like to extend our thanks to all of the parents and carers of last year's Year 11 boys.

#### **Advanced Notice: Moving On Open Evening 6:30 – 8:30pm Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

School will close at 1.55 pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Pupils having lunch between 1.25 and 1.55 pm (pupils in 9A and years 10 and 11 only) may leave the premises once they have had lunch. This is the day of our Moving On Open



Evening and it is important that school is well prepared and looking at its best for the large number of visitors that we expect. Many boys will be invited back to help during the evening and by finishing early it will give them ample time to get home and return to school before the event gets underway. A waiting room will be made available for pupils whose parents would prefer their son to remain on the school premises until the normal closing time.

### **Calendar 2016 – 2017**

For your information I have attached an outline school calendar for 2016 – 2017, below. A more detailed version of the whole school calendar is available on the school website please check this for sports practices and fixtures, examination dates, parents' evenings and any other important events concerning your son's year.

### **Dates for the Academic Year 2016 – 2017**

#### **Autumn Term 2016**

Monday 5th September

Friday 21st October - school closes for half term

Half term Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2016

Monday 31st October - school reopens at 8:45am

Tuesday 20th December - school closes for the end of term.

#### **Spring Term 2017**

Tuesday 3rd January - school reopens at 8:45am

Friday 17th February - school closes for half term

Half term Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February 2017

Monday 27th February - school reopens at 8:45am

Friday 7th April - school closes for the end of term

#### **Summer Term 2017**

Monday 24th April - school reopens at 8:45am

Monday 1st May 2017 - school closes for May Day

Friday 26th May - school closes for half term

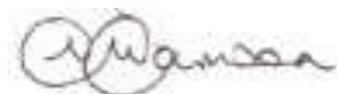
Half term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2017

Monday 5th June - school reopens at 8:45am

Friday 14th July - school closes for end of term

Finally, whichever year your son is in, please encourage him to engage in as many activities as possible and work hard at all times. By doing this he will achieve his best.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. A. F. Harrison  
Headteacher

