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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the new school year, a particularly warm welcome to all Year 7 students and their families and any other students who joined us in September.

We have a number of new staff joining us this term, we will include their names and subjects in the first newsletter of the term.

All Year groups are now back in school and settling down to hard work and the demands of examinations this year or in the near future. We are running a series of year specific Information/Aiming for Excellence Evenings over the next few weeks. You will receive details in letters from the appropriate Head of Year and senior member of staff attached to the year group. It is essential that you attend.

I am delighted to tell you that our public examination results this year were excellent. Much more detail will be published in the newsletter. I was delighted to be in school with Year 13 when they received their results. We wish them well at University or in their careers.

I was even more delighted with our GCSE results which show a significant rise to 67% of all students passing at least 5 A* - C grades including English and Maths. Many students passed all 11 subjects at A* - B. The data for student progress was also excellent. Many congratulations to all involved.

My priority is to ensure that this excellent picture is maintained and that all students achieve their potential. One way of making this more likely is by your full engagement with your child's learning. This is why attendance at events such as Aiming for Excellence meetings, Parents meetings etc. are so essential.

In early July we celebrated the achievements of Year 7 at our Celebration Evening, let's work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child in all areas of school life and then let's celebrate together next summer and recognise the achievements of the fantastic young people it is my privilege to lead.

With thanks for your support and great hope for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A J Corish', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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