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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: A New Start (September '25)

I trust that you had a good summer holiday and were able to enjoy some precious and memorable family time over the last few weeks.

It is with a great deal of excitement that I start this new role as Headteacher here at Finham Park School. I recognise the privilege, responsibility and opportunities that the job brings and look forward with anticipation to what we can achieve together.

We have had much to celebrate over the summer with a fantastic set of results both from our Year 13 and Year 11 students.

Our Year 13 students achieved a record high in the proportion of A* grades and early estimates suggest overall student progress from GCSE was significantly above the national average. Almost 85% of students achieved the grades required for their first-choice university, with other students moving on to apprenticeships or entering full time employment.

Our Year 11 students achieved excellent grades with record attainment, surpassing the grades predicted. Progress from Year 7 starting points is in the top 20% of schools nationally and as a result, many of Year 11 students met the entry requirements for our very popular sixth form.

We look forward to building on this success and seeing even stronger performance from our new Year 13 and new Year 11 cohorts.

It has been wonderful to welcome back all of our students over the last two days. May I extend a special welcome to those families who have joined the Finham Park School community for the first time. You have made the right choice entrusting your child's education to us.

I intend to be in touch regularly providing updates on successes, opportunities and any new initiatives. The partnership between school and home is a vital one. I know first-hand the challenges that parenting brings, and we seek to do all we can to support you in your critical role.

I know I will meet many of you in person over the coming months and years. Do introduce yourselves, say 'hello', and feel free to share any feedback, both positive and constructive, when those opportunities arise.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Bedford
Headteacher