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ALL PARENTS

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your family have had a good summer. I thought that I would take the opportunity to write to you early in the new academic year with some news and hopes for our school.

The Results Day in August was a great day for the school and most importantly for the pupils who collected their results. For the second year running, I am pleased to be able to report record results. Many Departments achieved their own new personal best results. Subjects such as English, Science, History, Maths, Geography, MFL, Music, Dance, Drama, ICT, PE, Graphics and History all performed very strongly. These results contributed to the progress made by the pupils being significantly better than the previous year and the years before that. The results have certainly put a spring in everyone's step. However, I really believe that we can and will do better this year and in the years that follow.

I would like to thank all the parents that have supported the school's uniform policy. The pupils look absolutely superb and are a real credit to themselves and their families. Some people do not believe that uniform matters but the reality is very different. It gives the pupils a sense of belonging and ensures that when they are at school they know that they are here to learn.

The school environment looks great at the start of the new academic year, the pupils are already enjoying their new facilities. Hopefully, over the coming year we will be able to announce some more very exciting developments. One aim will need to be to provide additional classroom space. It is important to say at this point that none of this would be possible without the guidance and support of our Governors.

Over the coming year we will have a number of key priorities. They will include:

- a drive to further improve attendance to 96%;
- to attempt to ensure that no learning is disrupted by low level poor behaviour;
- to increase the level of challenge in all year groups but particularly in Year 7;
- to increase participation in extra-curricular activities.

As a school, we believe that if we can do this it will lead to Dormston improving further still. I hope that your child will enjoy a happy and successful year at Dormston.

Thank you as always for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely



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