



# OAKMEEDS

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Dear parent/carer

Welcome back to parents/carers of the new Years 8 to 11 and welcome to parents/carers of the new Year 7. I sincerely hope you all had a very enjoyable and relaxing time with your families during the summer break.

At the end of last term we reflected on the many positive achievements that had happened during the academic year 2008/2009. I am delighted to inform you at the start of the academic year 2009/2010 that we have continued where we left off and we are celebrating real success in the GCSE examination results. They are, provisionally, equal to the best previously recorded, and may even be the best ever once the final details are agreed and the data is published officially by the DCSF.

Currently the provisional results stand as follows:

5 A* - C	64% pass rate	(59% 2008/2009)
5 A* - C including English and Maths	51% pass rate	(47% 2008/2009)
1 A* - G	100% pass rate	(97.5% 2008/2009)

Many students achieved outstanding sets of results with Eloise Haines, Stephanie Shields and Stephanie Somerville being the most outstanding having been awarded either A\* or A in every subject. I am very pleased to report that every student in the Year 11 cohort last year achieved at least one GCSE grade. These excellent GCSE results show a significant improvement on last year and continued evidence of the quality of education provided at the College.

I am delighted with the achievements, as are the rest of the College's senior leadership team and staff. The results are evidence of the hard work undertaken by staff and students alike, the quality of the experiences available for students and of the agenda of the College for constant improvement. There is a commitment from the College to the community of Burgess Hill not to be complacent and rest on laurels but to continue to strive year on year to achieve even higher standards. Our targets for this academic year are challenging (67% 5 A\* - C and 57% 5 A\* - C including English and Maths) but I have every confidence we will achieve them with the current Year 11.

We believe this starts the year off in a very positive way and that 2009/2010 is going to be one of the best in the history of the College.

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I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations of students with regard to behaviour and uniform at this point in order that we start the term in the way we wish to continue.

You will be aware that at the beginning of the last academic year, the College initiated a significant change to its pastoral structure. I am very pleased to report that this has proven to be a tremendously successful change for the College and one that has clearly played a part in our excellent results this year. I would like to thank all the students for the positive manner in which they conducted themselves and for their contributions to the College in making this change such a success.

In order to improve further it is crucial that we continue to raise our expectations and standards of conduct and achievement. Over the last year we have made a concerted effort to improve the uniform at Oakmeeds and although this has been a very positive aspect of the College we now intend to focus on this at an even closer level.

Therefore, as from Monday any student who arrives at the College with inappropriate uniform will be sent home to change. The College uniform guidelines can be found in the student diaries and this clearly highlights our expectations, including those on make-up and hair styles.

I am sure that I can depend upon your continued support of the College in this matter and that together we will maintain the very highest standards possible. We are extremely proud of our many achievements over the last year and I have every confidence that our high expectations will once again be exceeded this coming year.

I will be writing to you again soon with my first newsletter of the term with more information and details of events taking place throughout the year. However some key dates for your information are included in the student diary and every student has been given one of these today.

Yours sincerely

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