

Dear Parent/Guardian

It was a pleasure to share the results of the early entry English GCSEs with Year 11 on Monday afternoon. The immense amount of hard work so many put in over a short period of time paid off which I hope you agree justifies the decision we made in late September to enter all students for these examinations.

Students achieved so highly that the year as a whole were just one percent away from suggested targets which would place the Academy within the top 25% of schools nationally in terms of progress made. The good news is that we have a second chance for students to take the exam in June and are reorganising classes so that students are on the most appropriate course for them in the lead up to the June papers.

Over the past two weeks Year 11 students have also been sitting exams in both Maths and Science meaning that by March you and the students will have a clear idea of priorities during the late spring and summer terms.

In the meantime, Year 11 students are working to complete coursework in Science and their option subjects as well as further booster classes in Maths and English. There will be opportunities for those students who need to revisit their English coursework in light of their GCSE result to do so over the next few weeks and we will be providing dates by letter. They will also be featured on the school website.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone from the Academy. We are determined to accelerate achievement rapidly and know that success is always more likely when we work in partnership.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Salmon

Vice Principal.