

July 2017



Parent Salutation

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This, my final letter to parents and carers, heralds a new era for Irlam & Cadishead College. It remains for me a high point of my career that I have had the opportunity and privilege to have worked with wonderful young people, supported by their parents/carers and teachers. As you know, Ms Linda Foley will lead the College as Principal in September – such a good appointment! I am absolutely confident that Ms Foley will lead this College on its continued journey to 'Outstanding'!

I am sure you will be delighted to have had confirmed that Irlam & Cadishead College is now a Salford Academy Trust (SAT) school. SAT, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Kevin Rowlands has welcomed all key stakeholders to the family of schools whose mission is to ensure that SAT students are 'Safe, Happy and Successful'.

### **Your Child's Half Termly Progress Report – Data Assessment Capture 5**

Please find enclosed a copy of your child's personalised Half Termly Progress Report and information about your child's attendance. If your child is in Year 7 you will have received their Full Year 7 Report at the Parent Consultation Evening held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

This year has seen a number of broad and far reaching changes made by the Government to the assessment and examinations process. These include an increasingly challenging final examination in all subjects, often with the removal of the coursework element. It also includes the removal of the previous grading system; this from letters (A\* - G) to numbers (9 – 1). You will recall that I wrote to you in the Autumn Term to explain the changes – '***Irlam & Cadishead College Response to Assessment Life After Levels***'. It should be noted that the change to numerical grades commenced for English and Mathematics in the previous academic year; hopefully, this will have created some familiarity regarding these reforms for both parents/carers and our students.

Due to these reforms there is a requirement that all schools regularly review and evaluate targets in light of national published performance data. Given our ongoing commitment to responding positively to both 'Student Voice' and opinions expressed at our Parent Reference Group, we have completed a review of all year group targets. It is imperative that targets are ambitious, realistic and achievable; targets which serve to motivate our learners on their journey to excellence.

The table below provides guidance to assist your understanding of your child's performance in each subject. Performance codes, 'banded' 1 - 6 (6 being the highest) will be used, as follows:-

Code	Descriptor
'E' – Emerging	The student has just started to understand and complete work within this band
'D' – Developing	The student is working through the content and skills within this band and is developing a deeper understanding of the work
'S' – Secure	The student now has a full understanding of the work at this band
'M' – Mastering	The student can answer any question on the work at this band and should progress to the next band

## Arrangements for the Final Day of this Academic Year

The last day of this academic year is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The arrangements are as follows:-

- Students have asked if they will be allowed to wear casual/appropriate clothing, with a donation of £1.00 to Irlam & Cadishead's Fundraising Foundation. You will recall that ICC students chose to raise funds for both an international and local charity – 'WaterAid' and 'St Ann's Hospice'
- All students will attend College, fully equipped for another 'working day'
- Afternoon registration, with Form Teachers, will be at 12.00 noon until 12.10 pm
- Following afternoon registration, lunch will be provided, as normal, in the College Dining Hall
- All students will leave the Irlam & Cadishead College site by 12.45 pm

\* Students will return to Irlam & Cadishead College on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017** in full College uniform and equipped to work.

- Year 7 to arrive at 8.15 – 8.25 am and will assemble in their Form Groups in the College Dining Hall
- Year 8 – Year 11 to arrive at 9.50 am (break time)
- At 10.10 am Year 8 – Year 11 will assemble in Form Groups on the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)
- Year 7 – Year 11 will remain in Form Groups until lunchtime at 12.10 – 12.50 pm
- 12.50 pm Normal Timetable

## Arrangements for the Start of the New Academic Year: 2017-2018

\* Should the new Principal, Ms Foley, decide to alter any of the above arrangements, all parents/carers will be contacted well in advance.

Please see below Term Dates for the Academic Year 2017-2018:

<u>Autumn Term</u>	<u>Spring Term</u>	<u>Summer Term</u>
<b>Autumn Term 1 Starts:</b> Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	<b>Spring Term 1 Starts:</b> Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	<b>Summer Term 1 Starts:</b> Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
<b>Autumn Term 1 Ends:</b> Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	<b>Spring Term 1 Ends:</b> Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	<b>Summer Term 1 Ends:</b> Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
<b>Autumn Term 2 Starts:</b> Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	<b>Spring Term 2 Starts:</b> Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	<b>Summer Term 2 Starts:</b> Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
<b>Autumn Term 2 Ends:</b> Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	<b>Spring Term 2 Ends:</b> Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	<b>Summer Term 2 Ends:</b> Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

Finally, I would like to thank parents/carers, students and staff for the support shown to me over the last two years. I am proud of the improvements made at the College during this time and the hard work and loyalty shown by all.

I wish the College, its staff and students all the very best for its future.

I hope that you and your family have a peaceful and enjoyable Summer Holiday.

Yours sincerely,



M A Nightingale  
Principal  
Irlam & Cadishead College