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Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you all for your support and generosity this academic year. We have had a wonderful year and achieved so much as a school community. As you know, here at Stretford High, we are driving our mission for all pupils to **ASPIRE** - **A**chieve Academically, enjoy **S**uccess, be **P**rofessional in attitude, grow in **I**ntegrity & **R**espect and recognise that hard work and **E**ndeavour are keys to achieving our goals. In the School News section of our school website you will find 11 pages of how we have **ASPIREd** this year! Lots of photos and well worth a look.

Year 11 2011 -2016

We said a fond farewell to Year 11 Class of 2016. I thank pupils, parents & staff who worked hard to secure best grades for GCSE and we are looking forward to the fruits of that labour on results day, Thursday 25th August. Year 11 are invited to collect their results from school from 10am on the day or between 10am -3pm each day the following week.

Year 10 Science results are available on the 25th August also - however, we ask that Year10 come in after 11am to ensure that Year 11 have our full attention.

Year 7 2016 -2021

I am delighted to share that once again our Year 7 has been oversubscribed and we have 186 pupils joining us in September. All of the pupils impressed us on transition day and we are looking forward to seeing you all on September 5th. The day for Year 7 begins at 8.30am.

Arrangements for Monday 5th September

The new academic year will begin for pupils on Monday 5th September at the following times

- Year 7 8.15 am arrival for 8.30 am start
- Year 11 9.15 am arrival for 9.30 am start
- Years 8, 9 & 10 10.15 am arrival for 10.35 am start

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on time, in full school uniform and with the right equipment - **School Rule Number 1: Ready to Learn.**

Uniform notice for 2016

I would like to reiterate some key messages uniform & appearance messages for September:

- Outdoor coats are encouraged as long as they are not worn inside the school building. **Hoodies are banned and should not be worn at any time.**
- School shoes should be plain **black shoes** - trainers or shoes with markings are not allowed.
- One small pair of stud earrings are acceptable - multiple or facial piercings are not allowed. Please do not allow pupils to return to school with a new piercing as they will have to remove it.

School Rule Number 2: Respect . It is with great respect & appreciation that we say goodbye to some of the staff who have helped us over the course of the year(s) and are now moving on. It is particularly pleasing that colleagues have been so inspired by our pupils and staff that they are going on to join the teaching profession themselves. Therefore, we say a fond farewell to:

Mrs Anne Jackson (Head of Vocational School). Mrs Jackson leaves the School after an incredible 38 years of teaching here. She joined the staff in 1978, when the School was known as Gorse Park Secondary School and took up the subject leadership of Technology in 2006. Mrs Jackson has been a Head of Year and Head of House alongside her teaching and Department Leadership roles. She is looking forward to taking up an active retirement.

Mrs Jayne Rennox (Head of Maths). Mrs Rennox has been with Stretford High school for 23 years and has led the Maths Department for the last five. She joined the School as a PE teacher initially and has held Head of House and Safeguarding roles alongside her teaching commitments. Mrs Rennox is taking up a role as Lead practitioner in Maths at Waterhead Academy in Oldham.

Miss Katie Edge (Deputy Head of Maths). Miss Edge joined Stretford High School five years ago on the Teach First programme, which selects top University graduates for direct teacher training. Miss Edge became Department Deputy three years ago and is leaving us to teach in her native Ireland.

Mrs Julie Greenwood (Head of English). Mrs Greenwood joined the teaching staff last September (as Miss Graham) and is leaving to take up a Leadership role at the Manchester PRU.

Mr Sukhdeep Singh (TA3, Maths). Mr Singh joined the Teaching Support staff last September in the Maths Department and is leaving to take up a place on a Teacher Training course at University.

Mrs Madiha Ashraf (Science Teacher). Mrs Ashraf initially came to School as a Supply Teacher and was appointed to the Staff in January 2016 to cover for staff illness.

Mrs Stella Power (History Teacher). Mrs Power joined the teaching staff in 2014 after successfully completing a part of her Teacher Training study with us. She is leaving to move into Primary teaching.

Mrs Malieha Hussain (Maths Teacher). Mrs Hussain joined the Maths teaching staff in 2008. She is leaving to take up a post at Wilmslow High School, which is nearer home.

Mrs Kirsty Roban (Art Teacher). Mrs Roban joined the School in 2008 and has held various Pastoral roles. Mrs Roban has recently been acting Head of the Performing and Expressive Arts Department following Mrs Saxton's retirement. She leaves us to take up an Assistant Head post at The Grange School in Runcorn.

Miss Laura Smith. Miss Smith joined the Teaching Assistant team in April last year and has been working within the Humanities team. During her time with us, she has made the decision to enter the Teaching profession and leaves us to take us a Teacher Training place at University College London.

Mrs Dionysia Kavelara. Mrs Kavelara joined the Teaching Assistant team in November last year on a fixed term post and has worked across School and one to one with one of our students.

Teaching Assistants Mr John Prytharch, Miss Jodie Brewer and Miss Huma Shah also leave us at the end of their fixed term contracts, having had a positive impact on the students they have supported.

I am delighted to report that we are fully staffed for September 2016. Below you will find a list of new staff appointed this year. A few names may be familiar as some colleagues are returning to us and some are new to Stretford. All appointments have been made through a rigorous & robust recruitment process and I couldn't be happier with the staff profile for September. Therefore, it is with great respect & delight that we say welcome to:

Miss Sarah Eggleton (Head of English). Miss Eggleton was a Teach First programme teacher at Stretford from September 2009 and left to develop her career in 2012 at Wellington School and Ellesmere Park High School. She returns to us in September to take up the role of Head of English.

Mrs Shumaila Latif (Science Teacher). Mrs Latif joined the School in April this year from Levenshulme High School. She brings three years teaching experience with her. She is the Lead teacher for years 9 & 10 and has already made a massive impact with STEM activities and her passion for science.

Mrs Ruzia Mahmud (English Teacher). Mrs Mahmud joined the School in May this year from The Barlow RC High School and is taking up the role of Literacy Co-ordinator in addition to her teaching duties. Mrs Mahmud recently led our Literacy & Numeracy Super Learning day with Mr Singh and it was a resounding success.

Mr Andre Hakiman (Maths Teacher). Mr Hakiman joined the Maths Department in June this year. He qualified in 2008 and taught at St Mary's Catholic High School before his move to Stretford High School. Mr Hakiman is also a talented (amateur) musician. We look forward to him taking part in some school productions!

Mr Syed Mahmud (Maths Teacher). Mr Mahmud obtained his teaching qualification in 2013 and will be joining the Maths team in September. He currently teaches at Blessed John Henry Newman Roman Catholic College in Oldham.

Ms Leah Shelmerdine (Head of PEXA). Ms Shelmerdine has ten years teaching experience and will be joining the Performing and Expressive Arts Team in September from the Barlow High School where she has been Deputy Head of Faculty and KS4 Lead. She brings a wealth of experience as a teacher and an artist with her - I am looking forward to our Arts Exhibition in June 2017 as it promises to be a wonderful success.

Miss Jennie Edwards (Head of Design Technology). Miss Edwards qualified as a Teacher in 2009 and joins us to lead the Design Technology team in September. She is currently an Advanced Skills Teacher at The Radclyffe School in Chadderton.

Mrs Jane Lee (History Teacher). Mrs Lee joins the Humanities team as a History Teacher in September. She has previously worked in the legal profession and changed careers after having her family.

Mrs Baljinder Ramos (Art Teacher). Mrs Ramos has a long and successful teaching career. She joined the School initially on supply to cover for an absent colleague but formally joined the staff team in January. She is already a well-respected and loved teacher by pupils & staff alike.

Mr Ghulam Sarwar (Head of Maths). Mr Sarwar is currently the Advanced Skills Teacher at The Oldham Academy North where he also leads on e-learning. Mr Sarwar joins us in September to take up the lead in Maths.

Mr Sam Oliver (Teacher of Maths with Computing). After successfully completing his Teacher Training placement with us, Mr Oliver will join the staff in September working in the Maths and Computing Technology Departments.

Mrs Katherine Fletcher (Head of MFL). Mrs Fletcher was previously part of the MFL Department at Stretford High School and left us to take up a teacher development role with the Teach First organisation. She is now returning to lead the Department from September.

Miss Sinead Owens (MFL Teacher). After successfully completing her Teacher Training placement with us, Miss Owens will join the staff in September to teach French and Spanish.

Mr Nadeem Ahmed (Technology Teacher). Mr Ahmed initially joined us on supply to cover for Maternity leave. He will formally join the staff team in September. Mr Ahmed has been elected as a staff governor and will also be a trustee for our new charity - SAPSAL. Spare a penny, Save a life. Watch out for more news on this early next year.

Miss Zofia Jakubiel Smith. Miss Smith will join us in September as our Support Assistant for Learner Welfare, working in The Hub. She will bring additional care and support to the Welfare Support Team and the students they work with.

Miss Sophie Michell-Brady. Miss Brady joins the English Department as a Level 4 Teaching Assistant in September. She has strong literary credentials and will be an asset to the team.

Mrs Joanne van Alderwegen. Mrs Alderwegen joins us in September from Manchester Communications Academy to take up a TA3 post in the Humanities team. She has extensive school experience, with a focus on Geography and brings her passion for the subject with her.

Mr Jacob Mahony. Mr Mahony will join the Teaching Assistants team in September to give one to one support to a student. He has been at the School since last September as a City Year Volunteer, giving his time to mentor key student groups.

City Year volunteers **Mr Sunil Mistry and Miss Beth Hughes**, alongside **Miss Jill Eaton** will join the Teaching Assistants team as Level 1 TAs.

We also welcome **Miss Kirsty Williams** and **Mrs Denise Bennett** to the site team.

School Rule Number 3: Safe. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the safety notice I issued earlier this year regarding safety in the community. Being safe in the community is always very important but is particular so during the summer break. I urge parents to reinforce messages about being careful and staying safe.

- ❖ Go out in pairs or groups
- ❖ Do not engage in conversations with strangers
- ❖ If approached by a stranger - they may be on foot or in a car - do not talk to them and move away quickly.
- ❖ Never get into a car or van of someone you don't know - even if they say they know you or your family, even if it is a woman.
- ❖ If you ever feel afraid of an adult, makes lots of noise and run away.

Again, I understand that these are scary messages to pass on to your child but it is important that we help our children to stay safe at all times.

Lastly, should any parent have a query or concern, you are always more than welcome to make an appointment to see me in school in September. Please contact my PA Helen Adshead on 0161 876 1850 to do so.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you all a wonderful summer break.

Yours sincerely



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