Theale Green School

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Dear Parent & Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful summer and were able to enjoy the good weather and stay cool when needed, and a warm welcome to our new parents. Since our end of year assembly, which saw Scott win the prestigious Governor's Cup, we have been very busy getting the site ready for the new academic year. Following two very successful training days, staff are full of energy, looking forward to welcoming our students to the new academic year. Tomorrow, we welcome our brand-new students in to our community, and I am very proud that 40 year 8 students are giving up some of their valuable summer break to support year 7 to transition to secondary school.

Over the summer break I am delighted to share that our students have received a very strong set of GCSE & A Level results. The 2026 GCSE results are the strongest examination performance we have seen since at our school before Covid; this reflects the hard work of our students, and the sustained improvements in the school that have been planned over recent years. Both results days were full of joy, with students, their families and staff celebrating significant academic achievements together. Because of this success, we look forward to welcoming back the largest year 12 group that the school has seen in over a decade, and staff are raring to support our students on their journey. This also places our new year 11 students in an exceptionally strong position to consolidate this success, and in turn go on to achieve very well in summer 2027. Importantly this means the school is well placed to achieve the Ofsted "Expected Standard" for outcomes as we are now at national average – and for many subjects better - for our GCSE outcomes. To be in the position where 40% of all students achieving GCSE results at grade 7 or better reflects exceptional progress. Over the coming weeks I will share the conclusion of the Academy Improvement Plan (AIP) for 2025-26, as well as the AIP for 2026-27 to enable the school to capitalise on improvements and make our school the best possible experience for our students, families, and staff.

Theale Green School 2026 results show a clear link between attendance and outcomes, as shown in the table below. Please continue to support your child to have good attendance as this in turn will open more doors to them as young adults.

Attendance	Outcomes
Students with good attendance (95% or better, absent only 1 day a half-term).	**90%** of them went on to achieve a pass in both **English & Maths at grade 4 or better.**
Students who were absent to school 10% or more (absent for roughly 3 days each half-term).	**24%** of them went on to achieve a pass in **English & Maths at grade 4 or better**.

The new academic year presents a rich tapestry of opportunities for our students to immerse themselves, ranging from school trips to leadership opportunities. Furthermore, there is a direct link between those who do take part in extracurricular activities, and strong academic performance.

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Mr Lambert has launched the annual Clubs Fair for Tuesday 8th September, and I would wholeheartedly recommend students to explore the opportunities available, learn a new skill, be part of a team and make new friends.

When our students return, I am pleased to be able to share some changes they will notice.

- Improved classroom technology. We have again invested significantly in updating the technology used in lessons to help students make the best possible progress. Furthermore, there is a programme for upgrading computer suites and devices over the course of the upcoming year. In challenging financial times in the public sector, this is a significant investment.
- Brand new school minibus to support with extra-curricular activities and trips.
- New furniture and decoration in various areas of the school. This is in addition to various new carpets and other elements in the school.

Heads of Year will be writing to you by the end of the week to share key information and dates regarding the year ahead. They will also share details of the evening events in the week commencing 14th September which are opportunities for families to connect and meet with the Head of Year and senior leaders who will explain an overview to support a successful academic year for your child. A reminder of our uniform expectations is here - https://www.thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk/parents/uniform/ - , with students able to wear tailored shorts until the October half-term break. The "summer uniform" that we had in place that included the option of students wearing a polo shirt is no longer in place, but will return term 6, June 2027.

A reminder of first days for students for our staggered return:

- Thursday 3rd September – Years 7 & 12
- Friday 4th September – Years 7, 11, 12, 13
- Monday 7th September – all students return

Preparations are underway for our upcoming open evening on Thursday 24th September, we would be very grateful if you could share the details with your network of friends/family who may be interested as this helps us to continue to strengthen our community. Theale Green School Open Evening

I am very much looking forward to a successful year ahead and working with you. We know that a strong working relationship is the key to students achieving the success we know they have the potential of achieving.

A reminder of the different ways you can contribute:

- **Visit the contact us page** to find the person best place to answer your question. https://www.thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk/contact-us/
- **Come join us for a** Parent Coffee Mornings during term 1, further details to be shared.

Yours sincerely

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