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Dear Parents/Carers

WELCOME BACK TO THE GATEWAY ACADEMY!

I hope you and your family had a wonderful summer. It is a pleasure to welcome our students back and I am delighted to say that the start to this new academic year has been truly exceptional. Our students have returned with energy, pride and purpose and the atmosphere across the Academy has been superb from day one. The high expectations we set are already being met with enthusiasm and it is a joy to see.

Before I share some important information for the year ahead, I want to take the opportunity to celebrate something quite remarkable with you.

GCSE Results 2026 — A Historic Achievement

Our Year 11 students — the Class of 2026 — have delivered the **strongest set of GCSE results in the history of The Gateway Academy**. We are enormously proud of every single one of them and I want to share the headline figures with you.

Our headline results — Summer 2026 (Provisional)

Attainment 8 Score: 50.01 (national average: 46.1)

English & Maths Grade 4+ (Standard Pass): 72% (national: 64.8%)

English & Maths Grade 5+ (Strong Pass): 56% (national: 45.4%)

English & Maths Grade 7+ 20%

Subjects above national at Grade 7+ (high grade): 13 subjects across the Academy

These results place The Gateway Academy significantly above the national average, for all students including our SEND and disadvantaged students. **WE ARE PROUD OF ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AND PROVE THAT THERE ARE NO BARRIERS TO WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED.**

Across individual subjects, the breadth of excellence has been outstanding. Some highlights include:

- Drama: 77% at Grade 7 or above — 50 percentage points above the national average.
- Dance: 64% at Grade 7 or above — 37 percentage points above national.
- Mathematics: 75% at Grade 4+, 63% at Grade 5+, 26% at Grade 7+.
- English Language: 76% at Grade 4+ and 60% at Grade 5+.
- Combined Science: up 18 percentage points at Grade 5+ in a single year.
- 13 subjects above the national average at Grade 7+, with an average advantage of +6.1 points per subject.

The Class of 2026 were not born to be average. They were born to be exceptional. We said it every day and they proved it. We could not be prouder.

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Important: Becoming a Nut-Free Academy from September 2026

The safety, health and wellbeing of our students are our highest priorities. From **Monday 07 September 2026**, The Gateway Academy is a nut-free school. This decision has been made to protect students, staff and visitors who have severe food allergies — even the smallest trace of nuts can trigger a life-threatening allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

This change also reflects the requirements of **Benedict's Law**, new legislation introduced from September 2026 that strengthens allergy safety in schools across England, requiring robust allergy policies, staff training and proactive steps to protect children with serious allergies.

We kindly ask that you do **not** send your child to school with any food containing nuts. This includes:

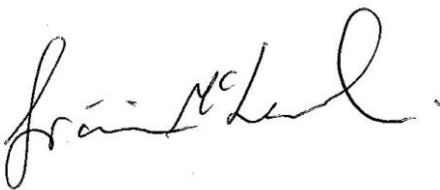
- Peanuts and tree nuts.
- Peanut butter and other nut butters.
- Chocolate bars or cereal bars containing nuts.
- Nut-based snacks, trail mixes and nut-based spreads.
- Cakes, biscuits, or baked goods containing nuts.

Please check all food labels carefully. Products labelled "**contains nuts**" must not be brought into the Academy. Products with "may contain nuts" warnings are not automatically prohibited but we strongly encourage you to choose alternatives where possible. Your support with this makes our Academy safer for everyone — thank you in advance.

Thank you for your continued support of The Gateway Academy. The partnership between home and the Academy is at the heart of everything we achieve together.

We look forward to another exceptional year and to sharing further successes with you very soon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G McLaughlin', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs G McLaughlin
HEAD OF SCHOOL