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Dear Parents/Carers

As we embark on a new school year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to both returning and new families. It is with great excitement that we commence this journey together and I am truly honoured to be a part of your child's educational experience.

Our school community is founded on principles of responsibility, resilience, compassion and aspiration. We firmly believe that your involvement plays a crucial role in your child's success and we encourage open communication and active participation throughout the year. Together, we can create an environment where every student can thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

As a reminder, next Wednesday 13 September 2023, The Gateway Academy is holding an Open Evening for prospective students. To allow staff to set up for the Academy's Open Evening, please be aware that all students will finish school on this day **only**, at the following times:

- 12:00 pm Years 7 and 8.
- 12:10 pm Years 9, 10, and 11.

Effective communication between the Academy and home is vital for your child's growth and development. Please feel free to reach out to your child's Progress Leader or Lead Coach with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have. We highly value your input and are here to support you in any way we can.

This academic year, we have introduced a new set of non-negotiables into the Academy to maintain consistently high expectations. Please be aware that if a student is found purposefully defying the Academy's rules, they will be required to serve a same-night detention lasting thirty minutes. This will begin with effect from Monday 11 September 2023

In closing, I want to express my gratitude for entrusting us with your child's education. We are committed to providing them with the best possible learning experience and we eagerly anticipate the growth and achievements that this term will bring. We will build on our successes of last academic year that include our highest ever GCSE results (significantly above national average) our student and staff attendance (both above national average) our sporting successes including becoming District Champions and our many events including We Will Rock You.

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community. Let us work hand in hand to make this term a successful and memorable one for your child.

Yours sincerely

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THE GATEWAY ACADEMY RESULTS DAY

2022-2023



It has been a record-breaking year for the Gateway Academy as the cohort of 2023 received the best results in the Academy's history that are significantly above national average.

Year 11 students showed great dedication to their studies and ambition, setting a record number of passes. Over 280 Grades 7 to 9, as well as many Distinction and Distinction* were awarded to our aspirational students.

There were plenty of successes across many subjects with the national average for attainment at grades 4+, 5+ and 7+ being surpassed. Maths, English, Science, Spanish, French, Arts and Business Studies amongst others exceeded the national averages for attainment and progress. Overall, students at the Gateway Academy made better progress than many of their collective counterparts across the country and as an Academy we can rightfully claim to provide an exceptional standard of education to all our students regardless of their starting points.

Mrs McLaughlin, Head of School said: "The 2023 cohort was without doubt the most exceptional group of students, their determination to succeed should serve as an inspiration to all of us. I would like to congratulate them and put on record my thanks to their parents and carers for their unwavering support, as well as the superb teaching and support by the whole staff at the Academy. I am so excited to hear about their future successes as a result of their remarkable achievements here with us at The Gateway Academy."

Mrs Reid, CEO of the Gateway Learning Community endorsed Mrs McLaughlin's sentiments: "I am so proud of everything Year 11 students have achieved, they have shown exceptional resilience and aspiration to achieve the best results in the Academy's history. I would also like to thank parents and carers for their support over the years, in addition to the committed and high-quality teaching and support they received, and of course to the excellent leadership of Mrs McLaughlin and her team."

