



The Sutton Academy

Together Students Achieve

Dear Parents and Carers

Principal: Ms L Gobin

As we prepare to begin a new academic year, I feel incredibly privileged to be writing to you for the first time as Principal of The Sutton Academy. Having been part of our school community for the past ten years, I know what makes the Academy such a special place. It is an honour to lead a school and community that I care so deeply about, and I am excited to build on the strong foundations already in place as we begin the next chapter together.

Last year was one of significant success for our school. Our recent Ofsted inspection recognised the many strengths of The Sutton Academy, praising the quality of **curriculum and teaching**, the **inclusive** culture we have created, and the opportunities available to our students to **develop personally**. The report reflects what we know to be true every day, but we were incredibly proud to receive such positive recognition.

Alongside this, I am delighted that our Year 11 and Year 13 students achieved another record breaking set of examination results. Their success is testament to their hard work and resilience, the unwavering commitment of our staff and the invaluable support of parents and carers. We are incredibly proud of every student and wish those who have now left us every success as they begin the next stage of their education, training or employment.

While we have much to celebrate, we remain ambitious for the future and will continue to drive improvement in all aspects of Academy life. Central to this will be maintaining the highest expectations for every student. We will continue to expect our students to attend well, work hard, show kindness and take pride in themselves and their school community. Alongside this, we recognise that young people are individuals. Some will need additional support, different approaches or greater flexibility at different points in their school journey. Our commitment will always be to maintain those high expectations while providing the support each child needs to meet them.

Over the past ten years, I have had the privilege of getting to know many of our parents and carers and building strong relationships with families across our community. I value those relationships enormously and look forward to continuing to strengthen them in my new role as Principal. I want Sutton to be a school where families feel listened to, well informed and confident that we know their children, and will always act in their best interests. I also look forward to getting to know those families I have not yet had the opportunity to meet.

There is a great deal to be excited about as we begin this new academic year. We have excellent staff, fantastic students, and a community that cares deeply about its school. Together, I am confident that we can build on our strong foundations and create even more ambitious futures for our students.

We look forward to welcoming students back to the Academy next week. School starts at 8:35am for students in Year 7 on Wednesday 2 September, and 8:35am for all other year groups on Thursday 3 September. All students should attend in full Academy uniform, with the correct equipment and ready to learn. Your support in ensuring students return ready to meet our expectations for uniform, appearance, attendance and punctuality is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I am enormously proud to be Principal of The Sutton Academy and very much look forward to the year ahead.

Yours faithfully
Lynsey Gobin
Principal
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