



# The Sutton Academy

Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mrs Alison Sherman

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Dear Parent/Carer

Our new academic year is now well underway and our students have made an excellent start to the New Year. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that our high standards are maintained. I firmly believe that the high expectations that we have for our students will ensure their future success.

Although the summer months may now seem quite far away, August saw two significant dates for us with both the GCSE and A-level results.

At A Level our results improved again for the second year running. Most of our students are now heading off to university to begin their chosen courses. The vast majority of students secured their first choice of university and course and they will be studying at a variety of testing different institutions and reading an impressive array of subjects, such as primary education, French and sociology, mathematics computing, nursing, computer forensics and criminology.

In 2017 we saw the best ever GCSE results that the academy and the predecessor school had ever achieved, however our class of 2018 ensured that we improved on this further. As you will be aware, education and in particular assessment is going through a period of considerable change, not only to the grading system but we have also seen the introduction of more demanding specifications. Despite this year 11 worked with determination and commitment and they achieved some excellent results overall: 28 grade 9s were achieved, 27 D\* grades in BTEC subjects and 73 D\* or D grades. We also saw some excellent departmental results:

RE:	70% Grades 9-7	100% 9-5 with 8 grade 9s
Dance:	43% Grades 9-7	93% 9-4
Chemistry:	52% Grades 9-7	96% 9-4
Physics:	52% Grades 9-7	91% 9-4
Spanish:	63% Grades 9-5	80% 9-4
Business:	32% Grades D/D*	
Childcare:	46% Grades D/D*	
Construction:	30% Grades D/D*	
Health:	50% Grades D/D*	
IT:	22% Grades D/D*	
Sport:	33% Grades D/D*	

It is also worth noting that 40 students in this year group had 100% attendance; 37 of these students were our highest achieving students, proof that attendance really does matter. I must ask you to ensure that your child attends as fully as possible and please do not take any holidays during term time. The pace of learning across the academy is such that even a few days' holiday can result in your child feeling left behind with gaps in their learning. Unless there are extenuating circumstances all holidays will be unauthorised.

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Home learning is a vital part of our curriculum and as such I would encourage you to regularly visit 'Show my Homework' to see the homework that your child has been set. I would also like to explain our protocol should your child fail to hand their homework in when requested.

Non-submission of homework will be dealt with using the following procedure:

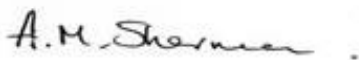
1. If a student fails to submit their homework they will be given a behaviour point and the student will automatically be issued with a **classroom teacher detention** for the next school day and parents will be informed by an automated message.
2. When the student arrives at the detention they should submit the outstanding home learning task. The following procedure should then be followed:
  - a. If the student **completes** the task, they should then be **free to go** and are not required to stay for the 30 minute detention.
  - b. If the task is **below the expected standard**, the student is required to **stay** in the detention **until the task is fully completed**.
  - c. If the student, has **not completed** the home learning task they are required to stay for the **full 30 minutes** and **fully complete** the home learning task.
  - d. If the student **fails to attend** the classroom teacher detention and has no valid reason (i.e. absence) they will be issued with an **ALT detention** and parents will be informed.

With your support, I am confident that most of our students will complete their homework without the need of any sanctions.

May I also take this opportunity to reinforce some of our standards. It is important that students arrive at the academy punctually each day and well equipped for their learning, this includes having a pencil case and bag and all necessary equipment. In terms of jewellery, please ensure that no more than one plain pair of earrings and/or a wristwatch is worn and that no extreme hairstyles or colours are worn, no nail varnish or acrylic nails should be worn and make up should not be seen.

May I once again thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to ensure another successful year.

Yours faithfully



Mrs A M Sherman  
Principal