

30th August, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school next week. As mentioned in Mr Anderson's end of term letter, we are staggering the return to school slightly to aid the transition of new students as we normally do.

Years 7 and 12 return at 8.45am on Wednesday 6th September and Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 students return on Thursday 7th September - also at 8.45am.

I am very pleased to say that we were delighted with the exam results from this summer with our Year 11 group of students achieving excellent results overall ensuring that a large majority of students have finished Year 11 with considerably better grades than they might have expected. Schools were told to expect a drop in grades this year as a result of higher expectations, so we are incredibly pleased to report that the proportion of students achieving the headline measure of a Grade 5 or above in both English and Maths is 55% and 72% for students achieving Grade 4. Both of these results are some way above the expected national average and show that SBL has added significant value to our students. Our young people worked incredibly hard to achieve these results and have been well supported by their families, so we are very proud of what they have accomplished.

SBL staff have ensured that a knowledge-rich and well-sequenced curriculum, strong teaching quality allied with appropriate intervention and support has meant that the vast majority of students are able to move on to the next phase of their education with a very pleasing set of results.

We look forward to seeing our students back with us in September and continuing to help them to build for their future. Our website contains details on our standards and expectations and will hopefully help to provide a checklist regarding uniform/equipment etc prior to the start of term 1 next week. <https://www.sblacademy.org.uk>

With every best wish for the year ahead,



Mr S A White
Deputy Headteacher

