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Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2017/18 academic year, whether as a newcomer to the school or one with a daughter starting a new year. This summer saw another pleasing set of results both at GCSE and A Level. At GCSE we saw the introduction of the new linear GCSE examinations in English and maths, with these new exams being more rigorous. 74.4% of the examinations taken were awarded A* and A grades or 7-9 equivalents in English and maths, with 56 students achieving 10 or more A* - A / 7- 9 grades. Students also performed strongly in their A Levels this year with 74% of all A Level results at A*, A or B grades, with 47% of all grades at A* or A grade, and 15.3% at A* grade. 153 students will be taking up their university places this year, with 12 gaining Oxbridge places and 56% heading off to Russell Group Universities. We are seeing an increasing number taking the opportunity to take a gap year.

As a school we are entering our 90th year and have much to celebrate. The school continues to strongly commit to proactive pastoral support and support for those with specific learning needs. We are continuing to embed the South Wilts Learning Culture, which was introduced in 2016-17. This has three core strands

- Taking responsibility
- Building resilience
- Encouraging academic risk taking

We will now in the forthcoming week, be promoting a positive culture of community values, which will run alongside the South Wilts Learning Culture. These will be more commonly known as the 'five Ps'

- Politeness – in your behaviour, communication and in your dealings with everyone no matter who they are
- Preparation – with your equipment, your work and your attitude
- Punctuality – to school and to lessons
- Presentation – in your dress and of your work
- Pride in yourself, in your work and in your community

We have much to look forward to this year and I look forward to meeting with many of you as the year progresses.

Yours sincerely

Michele Chilcott
Headteacher

