



4th September, 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of another year. I am very much looking forward to seeing all your children again. It has been a long holiday, which I hope you have all enjoyed.

You may have seen reports of our GCSE results in various newspapers. This year, yet again, the girls have performed beyond our expectations. Pass rates and A/A* rates are high. Three girls achieved 10 or more A*/A GCSEs. As impressively, several girls who would not describe themselves as academically gifted managed a good clutch of passes, even some As and Bs creeping onto their scorecard, so well done them and the Support for Learning Department, and of course the teachers who continue year after year to do such excellent work.

The swimming pool is in action again. It is as well that we started last term, as the pool would not otherwise have been ready for the start of this term. It does look a lot more inviting. The painters, decorators and cleaners have been busy around the school, getting it ready for the new academic year.

Six new members of staff join us this term. Mrs Smerdon will help Mrs Foulser to teach RS. Miss Wood will teach Spanish and German. Mrs Nuttall will teach Maths. She is no relation of Mr Nuttall, but his wife will also be joining us as a teaching assistant in the senior school, so we shall have one Mr Nuttall and two Mrs Nuttalls. Mr Walker is coming to teach Maths in the Prep school. And finally Miss Hillyer is going to teach Outdoor Education.

The school is quite full, so please do take care in the carpark, particularly during the first few days of term.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Robert Tucker'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.