



# The Heads Up

October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have already completed seven weeks at school. Well done! Can I give a big thank you for all your efforts again last academic year. It is because of what we have done together that we have made so much progress. Our GCSE results showed progress as nationally results fell. At A-level we had a 100% pass rate. I am pleased to note that all of our students won places at University or Apprenticeships. We achieved this against a backdrop of rising of standards nationally. Our pass rate at A\*-B rose by 14 %.

There is still work to be done but we are improving as a school.

The four students opposite all achieved level 9 in Maths that is an amazing performance. They are all now studying in our Sixth Form.



Below are some Sixth Formers celebrating results



## **New School website**

Have you seen our new school website? Everything you need is there. We have put lots of information on there about term dates, school events and so on. There will be a video newsletter available shortly. The following link will take you directly to the school website.

<https://www.ilsley.bham.sch.uk>

## **English Department**

A reminder for our parents and guardians to log in to `Home Connect` which can be accessed via the school website homepage to view what your child has been reading and quizzes taken and passed. Please ensure that your child is reading on a daily basis.

## **Staff joining our Family**

A warm Ilisley welcome to the following that have joined us: - We wish them every success in their careers at our school.

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| Miss T. Ahmed     | Maths                  |
| Mr. M. Yafai      | Science                |
| Mr. M. Pearce     | History                |
| Mr. P. Brennan    | SEN Teaching Assistant |
| Miss. M. Duncombe | Admin                  |
| Mr. J. Blair      | Maths                  |
| Miss. K. Qureshi  | DT Food                |

## **Other changes.**

Mr J. Simmons leads on Behaviour and attendance Mr D. Corrigan leads on Safeguarding.  
Miss A. Pereira leads on Calendar, CPD and Induction

## **Parking**

Can I remind all parents that parking at or near school is at a premium. Parents should not block the drives of our neighbours, park on yellow lines nor opposite the buses. Parking on the school site is not allowed at the end of the school day unless permission has been given by the Head teacher. The safety of our students is paramount and it is far better to park a little further away to help the safety of all. We have also had a letter from our local MP Jess Phillips expressing her concerns about parking on Victoria Road.

## **Bullying**

I'm sad to say that bullying occurs at school from time to time. It is very important that anyone being bullied reports it to their tutor in the first instance. Bullying can take many forms, and recently we have noticed the rise of bullying via the use of social media. Social Media can protect the bully and cause great harm to their victim.

**It is not the responsibility of school to control social media outside of school hours that is very clearly a parental responsibility.**

However, any student that bullies another via social media or in any other way while on the school premises will be dealt with appropriately. I would ask you to talk with your child about this and remind them of their responsibility towards others.

## **Parent Governors**

We are currently looking to recruit parent governors. We are looking for parents who have expertise in finance, the Law or HR. If you think you fit the bill and fancy helping out please get in touch with Mr Alexander at school. You need to have a child currently attending this school.

## **Academy**

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has instructed all Catholic schools become academies and form into MAC's. We have been talking to our local catholic schools and feel that we have made progress on this journey. In November you will receive a letter inviting you to a meeting about academisation, please do your best to attend. I can reassure you that Archbishop Ilisley will remain a Catholic school.

I recently found this image on the internet and it spoke to me about Archbishop Ilisley and what we are striving to do with our pupils. You as parents give them their roots, their foundation on which to build; our job is to give them wings to fly.

