

## Welcome back

It has been a delight to welcome all of our new Year 7 and Year 12 pupils into the Academy this September. Work hard and enjoy your time with us it has been a pleasure to meet you all.

## GCSE Results



Great to see a real step forward in our GCSE results this year. The Progress 8 figure for the Academy, the new metric of performance, has risen significantly. A much fairer indicator of a schools effectiveness and progress we can all be proud of. Well done to Year 11s.

## A Level Results

Staff and pupils at Sarum Academy were delighted with another set of successful A Level results. A number of pupils secured high grade passes in a number of subjects, for example Jacob Slater who achieved A\*, A, and two Distinctions. With a high percentage of pupils securing a place at University this year, the Academy has also seen a rise in overall performance gaining an average grade of a 'C', and for Level 3 BTEC's an average grade of Distinction.



## University here we come!



Best wishes to our Year 13 leavers and enjoy your time at University as you head off this weekend. You should feel very proud of your achievements. Please come back and share your experiences with our younger pupils as our Alumni grows. You are welcome any time.

## Welcome to new staff

I am thrilled to introduce our new teaching staff for September.

Mr J Burns in Maths  
Dr Y Turnock in Maths and Science  
Mr L King in English  
Miss F Rickeard our Science Technician  
Mrs S Steggel in learning support  
Mr G Willoughby in learning support  
Miss H Millerchip in community and lettings

## Meet the tutor evening

It was great to see so many parents at our meet the tutor evening. **Lots of information available for parents including our new Parent Handbook.** If you weren't able to attend, information will be on its way to you. We will see you next time. Many thanks.

## Parent Forum

In order to involve parents fully in the Academy decision making process I would like to invite a group of parents to come together and join a parent forum. This would involve four meetings over the year beginning on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September between 6.30-7.30pm. No writing involved just lots of talking and idea sharing.

The first meeting will look at the arrangements for Parents Evenings and communication from the Academy.

If this is of interest to you please contact Mrs Jean Campbell – PA to the Headteacher at [jean.campbell@sarumacademy.org](mailto:jean.campbell@sarumacademy.org)

Thank you for your involvement and I promise you tea and biscuits – oh and CAKE!

## Open Evening next week

Please come join the Academy at our Open Evening on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 5.30pm. or on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00am.

## “Improving the life chances of young people”

As our Academy is changing I thought it necessary to communicate to all stakeholders our Vision for the Academy. Thank you to all those who helped shape our ambition. A fuller version is available on the website.

### Our Core Purpose

A belief in the limitless potential of people

### Our shared vision for stakeholders

#### **Pupils**

Highly skilled, confident, articulate young adults, well placed to succeed in further education and employment, and emerge as active members of the community.

#### **Teaching Staff**

Confident and innovative teachers, maximising time and resources, demonstrating a precision in their practice and sharing a passion for their subject.

#### **Support Staff**

Respected and valued colleagues. Pupil and learning centred. Team players. Becoming experts and showing leadership in their areas of responsibility.

### **Parents and other stakeholders**

A confidence in the organisation and an eagerness to work in partnership

### Our agreed values

Respect: Aspiration: Excellence: Service:  
Tenacity: Partnership

### Our message to pupils

#### **“Self-belief”**

**Work Proud - “Best work first time” – “Not the standard – try again”**

**“Be prepared, participate, perform”**

**“Quietly and purposefully”**

### Developmental Areas

*In order to realise our potential we will make the following areas our strands for development:*

1. Becoming great teachers – Staff development and retention
2. Becoming great learners – Developing learner autonomy and a growth mind-set
3. Engaging and supporting stakeholders

## Awesome Primary Schools

This week we have been visiting our Primary Feeder Schools. Shout out to all the Year 6 pupils I met. See you on Wednesday for Science, Technology and Art.



Jacob Slater off to Southampton University to read Maths. You might have heard Jacob on the radio in the summer.