

September 2008

Dear Parent/Carer

**GCSE results - Best ever...Again!**

**Whole school -**

I am delighted to report that the results this year were the best ever for the second year running with almost 60% of our students gaining 5 or more A\*-C grades and over 43% achieved this including English and Maths. This is a considerable achievement which will place the school in the top performing school groups nationally.

You may remember that Canon Lee was listed in the top 40 schools nationally last year for progress over three years in achieving 5 or more GCSE grade A\*-C including English and Maths.

**Individual successes -**

I am delighted to report that we have just heard from the Edexcel examination board and six of our students were amongst the top ten in the Country:

Elin Box was amongst the top ten of 94,361 entries for Religious Studies.

Sarah Crampton, Ella Gamble, Jazmine Linklater and Liam Robson were amongst the top ten out of 36,294 entries for Art and Design and Dilan Altin was amongst the top ten out of 19,484 for German.

These are outstanding achievements; top ten in the Country really is significant.

A number of students again gained almost all A\* grades which is a fantastic achievement; virtually all students achieved or exceeded the majority of their target grades.

These super achievements reflect outstanding work and effort by students and their teachers and full support from parents. We plan to build upon this success next year and have set ourselves a new and demanding target of 65% of our students to achieve 5 or more A\*-C grades. We once again welcome the support and commitment of our parents and count on your help to achieve this.

**Key Stage 3 results -**

As you will be aware the results for the KS3 tests were considerably delayed this year. We have now received the results for all subjects and have let students know their results for Science and Maths. We have however sent all the English scripts back for re-marking as we felt they were inaccurate and wrongly assessed. We will let students have their results for English as soon as they are returned to school and will then send parents a summary report for all subjects. I sincerely apologise to both students and parents for these delays and trust that the appropriate authorities will resolve the issues fully before any more students are expected to sit national tests.

[www.canonlee.org.uk](http://www.canonlee.org.uk) is live.

A copy of this letter has been published on our website as are all letters and communications. Our website is live and contains a wide range of information about the school. There is also an opportunity to register through the website to ensure you are contacted via email when letters or other information is sent home or posted on the website. We hope that by publishing letters on the website and emailing parents we will gradually be able to reduce the amount of materials being printed and also increase the likelihood of parents receiving them!

## Calendar

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the new calendar for the next school year which contains all the main events and holiday dates. The key parent evening dates are included; please make a note of these, we would love to see you.

I would be most grateful if you would ensure that you avoid taking students out of school during term time. I am sure you will appreciate that it is in every child's best interests to ensure they do not miss any lessons unless absolutely essential, every lesson really does count.

## 'Behaviour for Learning' policies

We are determined to continue to insist on the highest standards of behaviour and appearance this year. We have launched a range of clear and reasonable policies this term to support this and to build upon the successful attendance policy launched last term. Students have been given details of the policies in their planners and are already responding really well to our expectations. Please do take the opportunity to look at a summary of the policies and expectations in your child's planner. Should you have any questions about the new expectations please contact your child's Form Tutor or Year Learning Leader.

## Tesco sports vouchers

We are again collecting these (and Sainsbury's, etc when they start) and would welcome any vouchers which will be put to really good use.

## Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a parent to join the Governors, if you are interested in finding out more then please let me know and I will be happy to meet and explain the role and the next procedures. Alternatively simply ask for a nomination paper which should be returned to me by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2008. It may be necessary to hold an election should there be more parents interested than places available.

## Open Evening

Our Open Evening for prospective students and their parents is on Thursday 16 October. **Normal school will close at 12 (midday)** in order to prepare for the event. Many students will be directly involved in the evening and separate letters will be sent home regarding this from the appropriate staff member.

If you would prefer your child to remain in school until the normal finish time please would you contact our School Office so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

## And finally

As we start the new school year can I thank you for ensuring your child is in full uniform and has all the equipment he/she needs. Our students really do look smart and are a credit to you and the school.

Your support is vital as we strive to ensure all students continue to achieve their full potential and make the most of all the opportunities on offer at Canon Lee this year.

Yours sincerely

K Deadman  
Headteacher