



# PADGATE ACADEMY

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Dear Parent or Carer

I hope this letter finds you all well. Time flies by and it is amazing to think that our students are over a week into the new academic year already.

I wish to begin by taking time to praise the way in which our students have returned to school after the summer break. The conduct, effort, and manners of our students over the time we have been back are a credit both to themselves and to you. Our teachers have also been incredibly pleased with how students have strived to give their very best in lessons so far this year and it was no surprise we had a record number of 160 positive emails sent home on Friday for our students who had 5 or more ATL 1's as well as no ATL 3, 4 or 5's. This has been great to see, and we hope this can continue across the Year.

## Year 7

It has been great to see the way Year 7 have taken to life at the school. They are a lovely cohort of students whose smiles have lit up the place over the last week. It has been at pleasure to speak to them and hear how much they are enjoying their first week of school. It has also been very rewarding to see students making new friendships and enjoying the facilities in school such as the Science labs, PE facilities and technology rooms.

## Summer site work

I said when I arrived here as Principal, I wanted to ensure that the school facilities and environment reflect what our excellent students deserve. To this end, the site team have worked incredibly hard over the summer to help deliver some fantastic improvements to the school. These include a complete refurbishment, rewire, redecoration, new carpets/flooring, and ICT equipment in the Mathematics block. We have also repainted the communal area of the Humanities and English block. Further to this our huge decarbonisation project is now underway with works taking place across the year. Planned work for the forthcoming year includes an outdoor servery area in the canteen as well as new roofing, windows and doors being fitted in blocks across school. I want to thank TCAT for supporting the school to improve through additional funding, as well as thank our amazing site team for their efforts through the summer.

## Open Evening

Our school Open Evening for prospective students takes place on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October. We will be shutting early that day to ensure we have time to set up for the evening. Students will finish school at 2.00pm.

### **Reflecting on our successes over the last Year**

Lastly, I want to take a moment to reflect on some of the successes of the school over the last year.

Firstly, in terms of growth, we have seen a significant increase in the number of students enrolled at Padgate Academy. We have seen a 10% increase in the last academic year alone.

We have also seen improved outcomes for our students, with more of our students making progress in line with or above that expected of them. Further to this we have seen significant investment in the site and facilities as well as significant improvement to our ICT facilities providing a better place for students to learn.

The culmination of all this was our Ofsted visit in May that graded us 'good' in all areas. All these things show how the school is striving to continually improve so that we can continue to offer a first-class education to your children.

I want to thank you all sincerely for your continued support.

Your sincerely



Adam McMillan  
Principal