



Shirley High School

Performing Arts College

"Striving for Excellence"

TM/KAW/Welcome
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Parents / Carers of all students at SHS

Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to wish you all a warm welcome to the new school year; I hope you all had a safe and relaxing holiday with family and friends. I am delighted and extremely proud to be writing to you as the new Principal of Shirley High School. Our school has proud traditions and it is my aim, along with the staff and governors with community support, to once again be the school of choice in the heart of a vibrant and diverse community, establishing a strong reputation of integrity, excellence and faith.

Having grown up in South London and Croydon and taught in a variety of schools across London I fully understand the impact a good education has on the opportunities awarded to us in life. From my own background I appreciate that the talents of young people run across all subjects; as a school we will provide opportunities for all. No child's outcomes and life chances should be adversely affected by the school they attend. Schools should be a place of high aspirations and vast opportunities, where all flourish and become inspired to be the best they can be, as well as inspiring others towards greatness. I am committed to ensuring that this is achieved during my time as Principal at Shirley High School.

I would like to publicly thank and recognise the achievements and hard work of the previous Principal, Mr Barrow. He worked exceptionally hard to develop a warm and positive culture at the school which is something that you can feel on entry. We all wish him a wonderful retirement and hope that he stays a close friend of the school. A new Principal comes into a school with fresh eyes, recognising the strong practices that already exist and challenging all areas for development. Over the last year the school has made real progress in addressing areas identified in previous inspections. There is of course still work to be done and I see an integral part of my role as Principal to honestly and regularly communicate with you with regards where we are as a school and what actions we need to take to ensure that your child fulfils his / her potential. All aspects of the school will be reviewed and, where required, actions will be taken to secure excellence in all areas and maintain an environment where students and staff celebrate their beliefs and passions. Students can expect high quality lessons from committed and dedicated staff throughout their time at Shirley High School.

This year we saw a significant improvement in the GCSE results of our students across many subject areas and some truly outstanding individual performances. At 6th form results were again strong with a 97% A' Level pass rate and 100% vocational pass rate. We are extremely proud that all students that applied to university obtained places with 10% of our cohort achieving places at Russell group universities. Myself and the governors would like to thank and congratulate both students and staff for their performance and hard work, and wish them well for the future.

My colleagues and I are determined to have a school that is exceptional in every measure, as that is what our students deserve. We accept the challenges that we face and are fully committed to achieving this vision. Exceptional schools embrace and actively promote family and community engagement. I would ask that you please take the time to praise and recognise the effort and passion of our staff but also hold us to account where appropriate. Only together will we achieve the vision we all want for our school. As an educator I believe our character rises from our values, our purpose and our passions.

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The standards we set ourselves and our commitment as educators will ensure that all students, regardless of background flourish academically, morally and mentally.

Finally, I would like to invite you to our curriculum and information evenings which will take place on:

- Year 7 – Wednesday 11.09.19 at 5pm
- Year 8 - Thursday 12.09.19 at 5pm
- Year 9 - Thursday 12.09.19 at 6pm
- Year 10 - Tuesday 10.09.19 at 5pm
- Year 11 - Tuesday 10.09.19 at 6pm
- Year 12 & 13 - Thursday 26.09.19 at 5pm

On the evening you will receive valuable information and have a chance to meet the key members of staff that will be guiding your child through the academic year ahead. I look forward to meeting you all at this event and sharing with you the strategies and new initiatives that will support your child on his / her educational journey at Shirley High School.

Yours sincerely



Mr T Myton
Principal