

6<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! A particularly warm welcome to those of you joining us as parents and carers of our Year 7 students.

I hope you and your families had a relaxing summer break, and were able to make the most of some of the fantastic weather we were able to enjoy. We spent a week camping in the Lake District at the beginning of August, which seemed to be the only place in the UK where it rained all week. Nevertheless, it was lovely to spend some quality time together as a family.

I will be writing to you all frequently throughout the term with updates around things that are happening in school, along with reminders of key dates and events.

Our website provides a wealth of information around school events and policies. The [parents' evenings page](#) has dates for all year groups, commencing with the Year 7 settling in evening on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The [term dates](#) page shows school holidays for this academic year and also for 25/26.

You may have seen some news in the local press around our exam results this summer. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank staff and students for their tremendous hard work in securing significant improvements in our outcomes. None of this could have taken place without the support of our Local Governing Body who work hard in a voluntary capacity to make sure the school performs at its best. We are however, in need of new members, particularly parent governors – if you would like to find out more about the role, please contact Mrs Ball (my PA) via email at [nib@pakefield.org.uk](mailto:nib@pakefield.org.uk)

Finally, the bus company have advised us that the pick up and drop off point will now be at the bus stop on London Road by the primary school. This is a change to last year where it was at the front of school. A key reason for this change is around health and safety, and September offers a good opportunity to remind our young people of the importance of road safety.

With best wishes for the weekend!

Mr Dan Bagshaw

Head of School