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Dear Parent/Carer,

Celebrating Exam Success with the best ever results!

I am proud to report that we have just celebrated another fantastic set of GCSE and Post 16 results. We have secured a three-year trend of positive outcomes. At GCSE our Progress 8 score was well above the national average at +0.42. GCSE grades in English were significantly above the national average at +0.59 and above the national average in Maths at +0.21 Thirty-seven students walked away with a top grade of a 9, achieving in line with top 3% of students in the country. This is a phenomenal achievement and shows the quality of education provided at the Academy is changing lives.

At Sixth Form we are proud to share our positive destinations with you. 85% of students who set their A Levels with us in the summer will be going to university this September. A significant number of students gained a place at a Russell Group University and some of these have left to study medicine.

Thank you for continuing to support your son/daughter to ensure they achieve their academic best.

Please do spread the word and let everyone know what a great academic offer we have for all the young people we serve and invite them along to see for themselves on Thursday 03 October 2019

I am extremely proud of the fantastic young people at the Academy, and these results are a testament to their hard work, commitment and dedication to ensure that they all have bright futures and become whatever they choose to be. Our values also enable our young people to be kind, considerate and help them to make considered choices as to the type of person they wish to be when out in the community. With that in mind, I am writing to you to revisit our clear rules and expectations about the behaviour of our young people when outside of the Academy.

Being responsible citizens;

All students must behave in a manner that reflects and demonstrates our core values of Love, Hope and Trust. This means always being considerate and thoughtful citizens. This of course has particular importance when they are in the Academy uniform and representing the academy out in the community. We always trust our students to act as positive ambassadors and we are always delighted to hear considerable praise about our students and welcome your feedback where you see notable good behaviour.

Positive behaviour outside of school is a given and includes;

- - Wearing uniform smartly and with pride
- - Being considerate of all around you
- - Using polite language
- - Being considerate of the environment

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- - Safe behaviour, with no risks to self or others

Being positive role models and ambassadors for St. Mark's

We do not expect any poor behaviour from any member of the St. Mark's community, but we will always challenge anything should it occur or be brought to our attention, particularly if it seems that the Academy is being reflected negatively due to any actions of our own students. This of course would be tremendously upsetting, and we would hope that you feel immense pride to be at St. Mark's and consider the importance of how behaviour can be perceived by members of the public.

Things to be mindful of, and what we would not want our students to be demonstrating.

- Gathering in a medium-large group – blocking the pavement
- Not wearing uniform/partial uniform
- Littering/ dropping gum
- Swearing audibly
- Careless use of road/pavement – on foot or bicycle (including doing wheelies on bikes)
- Kicking footballs on the pavement or road
- Excessive and inconsiderate noise on the bus.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Academy.

Yours faithfully,



Lisa Peterkin
Principal