

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the start of a new term I wanted to share with you the fantastic achievements of our Year 11 students who received their GCSE results this week. I am delighted that for the second year running, over 70% of our students achieved a 4+ in English and Maths which has enabled most of them to progress on to their preferred pathway. I am also delighted with our strong set of results at 7+ in English and Maths which places us in the top 5% of similar schools nationally. The coverage we received in the Newark Advertiser can be read at this link: <https://www.newarkadvertiser.co.uk/news/students-celebrate-their-gcse-results-with-smiles-and-balloo-9327366/>.

Every half-term we run a Family Forum to take feedback from parents and carers. I have listened to the feedback in relation to the setting of Practice Learning (Homework). As of September, all subject teachers will be setting Practice Learning through the **My Child At School (MCAS) App**. This will allow you to support your child by knowing exactly what homework they have to complete and the deadlines for completing the homework.

To support our students to become more independent we will also be launching the **Bromcom Student Portal** and **Bromcom Student App**. The Student Portal will be accessible through a Computer or Laptop and the App will be available on Smart Phones. We will be completing this process when students return in September and it will then allow them to track and monitor their own homework.

If you would like your child to be able to access the Bromcom Student App via their Smart Phone I would be grateful if you could ask them to download the app to their phones prior to returning to school. They will not be able to register and sign in to the app until they return to school and complete the registration process with their unique codes that they will receive. The app can be downloaded from the **Google Play Store** or the **Apple App Store**. The app logo looks like this:



The Suthers School has also purchased a revision app called Tassomai for all students in Years 10 and 11. If you want to learn more about this app visit their website: <https://www.tassomai.com/>. The app covers English, Maths, Science, History and Geography and has proven to be very successful for those students who complete the revision programme. The app will be accessible via a Computer/Laptop or a Smartphone. I would be grateful if your child could download the app from the **Google Play Store** or the **Apple App Store**. They will not be able to register until the start of term when they are given their enrolment details. The app logo looks like this:



As part of the agreement with Tassomai all parents/carers will receive a Tassomai account and a weekly progress report which will outline how much work your child has done on Tassomai each week. The report will also identify their strengths and the areas where they need to develop further. You will receive a welcome e-mail from Tassomai informing you of how to set up your account. You will then start to receive your weekly progress reports. These reports will commence after Monday 4th September and will be sent to the e-mail address we currently hold for you on our Management Information System. Please check your junk folder in case the e-mail appears in this folder. If you have not received an e-mail from Tassomai by Monday 18th September please let me know by e-mailing contact@suthersschool.co.uk. If you do not wish to receive these weekly e-mails you will be given the option to unsubscribe from e-mails at any time.

At the end of last term, I sent out a short survey to gather information about the enrichment your child is involved with inside and outside of school. The response so far has been fantastic, however there are still three days left to complete this survey if you'd like to share your opinions. Please click on the following link to complete the short survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/9Lq3K15beT>.

If you would like your child to engage with the wide range of extracurricular activities and sports teams we offer at the school you will be able to book via MCAS after Monday 4th September for the activities to begin week commencing Monday 18th September 2023.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the Parent Information Evenings we will be holding this half-term.

Year 10: Tuesday 5th September 2023 (17.30-18.30) – Advice on supporting your child to make the best start at GCSE and information on their Work Experience placement in 2024.

Year 11: Wednesday 20th September 2023 (17.30-19.00) – Advice on supporting your child to succeed at GCSE with useful revision strategy tips.

To book your place on one of the Information Evenings please click on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/L3VpL79SCC>.

As your child prepares for the start of the new school year, please ensure that they have all the necessary equipment and uniform as outlined in our school's uniform policy on our school website [Uniform & Equipment](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email our school reception via contact@suthersschool.co.uk and we will be more than happy to assist you.

I am looking forward to welcoming **Year 11** back to The Suthers School at 8.20 a.m. on **Friday 1st September 2023** and **Year 10** at 8.20 a.m. on **Monday 4th September 2023**.

Kind Regards

James Griffiths
Deputy Head Teacher