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Dear Parent / Carer

It is with pleasure that I present a summary of our annual report to parents on the academic year 2017-2018. The report is available electronically on the school website and each highlighted section below can be clicked upon to provide further information.

In conjunction with [Governors](#) the school has formulated a School Development and Improvement Plan for the academic year 2018-19 which encompasses three strategic priorities:

Creating a culture of high standards, learning and achievement

- ◆ To create a school culture where learning and achievement is highly valued, with an emphasis on high standards and expectations
- ◆ The school has a clear goal to improve the skills of its learners

Celebrating and promoting learning and achievement through ensuring high quality provision across all facets of the school

- ◆ Encouraging and supporting all students to achieve their potential across a broad curriculum
- ◆ Acknowledging and rewarding positive learning and achievement and engaging with all stakeholders to communicate success

Working cooperatively and strategically to assist student learning and staff development

- ◆ To initiate and support collegiate working practices across the school
- ◆ Supporting the professional development of staff

Despite a very challenging financial climate, the school continues to operate a balanced [budget](#). This requires the judicious utilisation of resources and management of [staff](#) and department capitation. This year the school has once again achieved a full staffing complement despite a national shortage of teachers in some subject areas.

The summer of 2018 was a successful one owing to our positive [examination results](#). GCSE results were once again above local and national averages and demonstrate a continually improving picture despite on-going changes to the national landscape of qualifications. We were especially pleased to note the destinations of [school leavers](#) and those that secured [university placements](#), including within prestigious institutions.

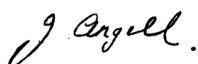
Student [attendance](#) to school dropped last year to 94.2%, and I know that the senior leadership team are concerned about the frequency of absences from school which can have a detrimental impact upon a student's chance of academic success. Please support the school in ensuring that students attend whenever possible.

The [school prospectus](#) has been published which contains important information such as term dates, curriculum organisation, safeguarding procedures and approaches to the wellbeing of students. I also note the many and varied [extra-curricular activities](#) that are available to students and would encourage participation in these valuable activities.

The school has also prepared an appendix to this report with [other information](#) that the Governing Body is required to communicate to parents on an annual basis.

I hope that you find this report informative.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of the Governing Body