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## An Inspiring Education For All

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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

It has been a pleasure this week to welcome back students and staff to the Academy in such a positive way. Students have, almost without exception and despite the hot weather, arrived each day looking smart and have been ready for the day (and year) ahead. Thank you all for your support with this. We do have high standards and expectations of uniform and it is because of this that whenever I visit other schools I feel so proud of our students and we get so many positive comments from visitors to the Academy when they see how smart our students look and how ready they are to learn.

It has been a highly successful summer for Buckler's Mead Academy. We have just recorded the best results in the history of the Academy, with the average grade for every student in every subject improving by a grade. Since 2019, the number of students passing Maths has increased by 18%, Science by 29% and English 10%, with the numbers achieving 'strong' passes (Grade 5 or above) increasing by 17% in English, 17% in Maths and 34% in Science. This is a phenomenal achievement by staff and students, who are deservedly record breakers.

These results will put us among the top performing schools in Somerset and I am hugely proud of the whole Academy community as these students go on to bright and successful futures!

We have seen a number of premises developments over the holidays, including the complete refurbishment of the dining room, which (barring a few finishing touches) is now complete. The next area for development will be upgrading the hall and the development of a new library/study centre, which we are hoping to open by October half term. As you are aware, we are hugely committed to the development of reading and literacy, so the opening of this area is highly anticipated.

We have our fingers crossed that the weather will cool as we head into next week. In the meantime have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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