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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to a new academic year. I hope that you and your family are well and that you have had a restful summer.

A new academic year presents an opportunity for us all to look back and reflect on what went well last year, and what can be done to improve – a fresh start.

Much changed last year, but our students rose to the challenge and emerged resilient and successful. The achievements of our Year 11 and Year 13 demonstrate to others that dreaming big, rising to the challenge, and working hard really does pay off. Our GCSE results, the first determined by exams since 2019, were strong and illustrate the positive impact of our curriculum.

We are especially proud of our sixth form students who, despite never sitting an externally assessed exam, achieved results above the national average. The media reported that results this year were expected to be below the teacher grades awarded in 2021, there was no such dip for Wickersley. Our results were on-par with those awarded last year, bucking the national trend of decline.

Although it's important to celebrate the success of last year, our attention must now turn to the one that begins. Students can expect to be challenged and supported in equal measure. Those that embody the Wickersley Way, by working hard, dreaming big, taking responsibility, and learning from their mistakes, will reap the rewards.

We make no apology for our high expectations - we expect good attendance and 100% effort. We will not settle for anything less.

My staff and I are excited by the prospect of working with you. The combination: home, school, and student here at Wickersley School and Sports College will prove to be unbeatable.

Yours sincerely

T Hardcastle

Headteacher



Key reminders:

Return to school dates

- First day back at school for Y7, Y11 and Y12 students only - Friday 2nd September.
- All year groups to be in school – Monday 5th September

Structure of the day

Timing	Period
8:45am – 9:00am	Registration
9:00am – 9:20am	Reading
9:20am – 10:35am	Period 1
10:35am – 11:50am	Period 2
11:50am – 12:20pm	1st Break
12:20pm – 1:30pm	Period 3
1:30pm – 2:00pm	2nd Break
2:00pm – 3:10pm	Period 4