



RIDGEWAY HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN

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Dear Parents

Welcome to my first bulletin of the new academic year, one that is sure to be extremely busy, productive and exciting.

In August, our leavers collected their GCSE results and are now embarking on the next stage of their educational journey. I always make the point that these results are achieved only after months of hard work — lunchtime and after-school study sessions, Friday evenings, Saturday School lessons — and so they are thoroughly deserved. Well done to everyone — and especially those students who got the higher 9-7 grades across a wide range of subjects.



Alisha Layfield [pictured above right] achieved a total of 11 GCSEs, many at grade 7 or above. Alisha attended school regularly, worked hard and took full advantage of the enrichment opportunities we offer, finishing her time at Ridgeway as Head Girl. The arrival of September always offers us the chance to make resolutions for the coming school year — identifying something we try to do better or differently this time around. This year, I want every single student to resolve to participate in enrichment — to get involved, perhaps trying out something new — just like Alisha did so successfully.

At our end-of-year awards in July, I was delighted to be awarding the Ridgeway Charter for the very first time. Involvement in Student Voice is just one of the many activities recognised by the Charter and, this week, form groups have been electing their new Student Voice representatives. It is an example of a leadership role, representing the views of fellow students and helping make decisions about how the school operates.

Leadership is one of the elements of LEARN for Success. Endurance and aspiration are two others — both amply demonstrated by Chelsea Evans in Year 10. On Saturday, she appeared on *Britain's Got Talent: The Champions* as part of the MerseyGirls dance group, advancing through to the finals by winning the audience vote. Well done to them, their success the result of a great deal of hard work and effort.

Sport offers another avenue for participation. Over the summer, the PE department was awarded the School Games Mark Gold for the second year running, in part because of the incredible range of sporting activities they offer. Football trials have already been taking place. Meanwhile, Year 11 art students took part in an enrichment trip to Tate Liverpool on Tuesday. Today, the library is a hub of activity as we celebrate Roald Dahl Day. On Monday, our geographers go to Llandudno to carry out fieldwork. There is always something happening at Ridgeway; it is one of the things that makes this such an incredible place.

One of the online tools we use to support learning is Show My Homework — as useful for parents as it is for students. We introduced it to Year 7 today. As a parent, once you have logged in to your personal account, you will have access to your child's homework calendar and you will be able to see your child's 'To-do' List and any overdue homework. If you have PIN or login issues, please contact your child's house team in the first instance.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday 19 September: Year 11 Information Evening, 6.30pm
- Monday 23 September: Open Evening, 6pm
- Friday 27 September: Charter Day 1