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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Results 2026

Firstly, welcome back to the new academic year. I hope you had a good, relaxing summer break. We are incredibly pleased with how students have started the year, and their attendance has been excellent. As we begin the new term, I am pleased to share an update on our examination outcomes following this summer's GCSE and A-level examinations.

First and foremost, I want to say how incredibly proud we are of all our students. Our GCSE and A-level students have achieved some fantastic outcomes this summer, and their success reflects the resilience, determination and hard work they have demonstrated throughout their time at Sutton Community Academy.

Whilst we were pleased with the outcomes of our recent Ofsted inspection and the many strengths recognised within the academy, the inspection also identified an important area requiring further improvement: outcomes for students in their final GCSE and A-level qualifications. We recognise the importance of this and are fully committed to ensuring that every student achieves the very best outcomes of which they are capable. The report acknowledges that significant work is already taking place across the academy, particularly in the last two years, to address this area, and we are encouraged by the progress being made.

I want to assure our wider community that the academy is moving firmly in the right direction. We have a clear understanding of what needs to be achieved, a committed and talented staff team, and a strong determination to build on the progress already made so that outcomes for all our students are consistently good and continue to improve.

A Level Outcomes:

Whilst we are naturally saddened that our sixth form has closed, it is particularly warming to know that our students have risen to the challenge we set them at the start of the year. This summer, they have achieved the **best-ever outcomes secured by students in the history of Sutton Community Academy Sixth Form**. This is a tremendous achievement and a true testament to the effort and commitment invested by our students throughout their time with us.

I am also indebted to the hard work and dedication of our staff, particularly our sixth-form teachers, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our students have had the support, guidance and opportunities they needed to fulfil their academic potential. Their

commitment has made a significant difference, and I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to every member of staff who has contributed to these outcomes.

GCSE Outcomes:

Our GCSE results have also continued to move in the right direction, **with attainment increasing for another consecutive year**. This represents further important progress for our academy and demonstrates the impact of the hard work of students, parents, staff and the wider community.

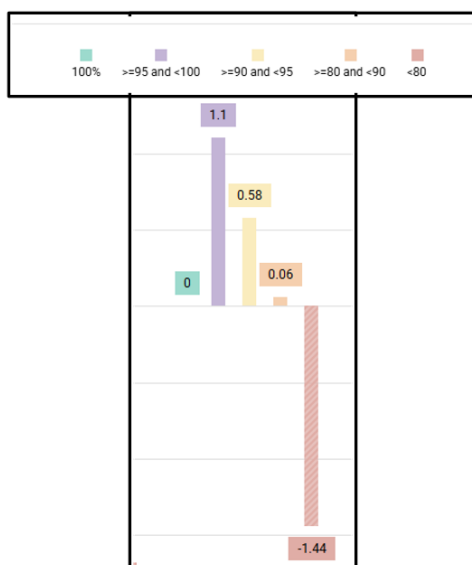
We have also seen a further increase in the number of students achieving a **grade 4 or above in both English and Mathematics**, with our performance now sitting in line with national averages. This is a significant milestone and one which we should all be proud of. There have also been some outstanding individual and subject performances.

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the achievement of one of our students who has been recognised as the **highest-performing student in Art in the country**. This is an extraordinary accomplishment and one that reflects both the exceptional talent of the student and the expertise and dedication of our Art staff.

The Importance of Attendance:

As we celebrate these successes, it is important that we also recognise one of the most significant factors underpinning student achievement: **attendance**.

As the diagram below demonstrates, attendance has once again played a significant role in the outcomes achieved by our students.



Put simply, we know that students who attend our academy regularly achieve stronger outcomes. **Students attending 95% or more of the time achieved, on average, 2.5 grades higher in each of their subjects than students whose attendance was below 80%.**

This is a staggering difference.

The message is clear: **everyday matters, and every lesson matters.**

As we look ahead to the new academic year, I am therefore appealing to each and every one of you to work with us to ensure that your child attends the academy whenever they are able to do so. Of

course, there will be occasions when absence is unavoidable, but by working together to promote excellent attendance, we can give our young people the very best possible opportunity to succeed.



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Our students have demonstrated this summer what can be achieved when ambition, effort, excellent teaching and strong attendance come together. Our collective responsibility now is to build on this success.

By continuing to work in partnership, we can ensure that Sutton Community Academy goes from strength to strength and, most importantly, continues to improve the life chances of the young people in our care.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Kind Regards

Mr L. Taylor
Principal