



1st February 2018

Dear parent or carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to address any concerns which you may have as a result of GCSE exam results which were published last week.

In January 2017 our school received a letter from Ofsted's Chief Inspector Amanda Spielman which stated 'you have improved all aspects of the school's work'. This was as a direct result of the school receiving good judgements for leadership, student behaviour and the quality of our Sixth Form in our last Ofsted inspection. After the inspection it became clear that if the school was to move to the highest levels of performance there were several leadership issues which required addressing. Despite taking steps to minimise the impact on students, these changes combined with historical underperformance of this yeargroup, led to a disappointing but temporary drop in progress and outcomes last summer.

New leadership has been established in all of the areas in question and as a result of the robust action taken, we can clearly see that the levels of progress of our students will significantly improve at both GCSE and A level in 2018 and beyond.

Since September 2014, attendance has risen, the behaviour across the school has improved dramatically (as Ofsted highlighted in their report with a student quote which said the improvement was 'phenomenal'), the quality of leadership and teaching across the school has rapidly improved and our Sixth Form is the only one in the area to be rated as good by Ofsted. We fully expect the improvements we have made across the school to significantly raise the levels of our students' achievements this summer. In addition, students in Years 7-10 are clearly demonstrating that they will go on to even greater success.

I know I speak for all of the staff and Governors when I say we look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that your child seizes the opportunities we offer and achieves the very best grades which they are capable of.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email my Personal Secretary, Ms Frost on h.frost@pudseygrange.co.uk and we will get in touch with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mark McKelvie
Principal