

10th September 2025

**Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome Back – Autumn Term 2025**

I hope this letter finds you and your family well after what I hope has been a restful and enjoyable summer break.

We are absolutely delighted to welcome all of our students back to OHA this week. The start of a new academic year always brings with it a sense of excitement and fresh opportunity, and we are looking forward to beginning the year positively, with high expectations, renewed enthusiasm, and a strong focus on achievement and wellbeing. We are delighted to welcome back Miss Hough – Clewes from her maternity leave and we give our congratulations to Mrs Douglas who was married over the holidays.

Over the summer, we have been busy making a number of improvements to the academy site. The ground floor has had a brand-new floor fitted, and we've refreshed several key areas with painting throughout classrooms and corridors, as well as a full repaint of the exterior of the building. These changes have made a real difference to the look and feel of the school, creating a brighter and more welcoming environment for our students and staff.

We have also spent time and money improving the toilet facilities across the school. After reviewing a range of student voice from all year groups we felt it was the right time to make some changes to ensure our toilet facilities feel safe and welcoming for students. To allow us to achieve this, we have put a system in place that will be in operation during lesson time, during this part of the school day, specific toilets will remain open to students allowing us to closely monitor appropriate use. All toilets will continue to be open during lesson changeover and lunch and will continue to be monitored by staff during this time.

We're also excited to share that new interactive screens have been installed in every classroom. They will significantly enhance the quality of teaching and learning, giving staff even better tools to deliver engaging and dynamic lessons.

We are also incredibly proud of our recent GCSE results, which showed significant improvement in a number of key areas. Our Year 11 students demonstrated great resilience and determination, and we offer them our warmest congratulations as they take their next steps into college, apprenticeships, or employment. We also extend our sincere thanks to our staff for their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment; these results reflect their dedication and belief in our students.

As we begin this new academic year, we continue to focus on our core values of Respect, Resilience, and Responsibility. A key part of ensuring every student reaches their full potential is excellent attendance. There is a clear and proven link between high attendance and high achievement. Students who attend regularly not only perform better academically but also feel more connected to school life and benefit from the routine, relationships, and support that daily attendance provides. We ask for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day, on time, and ready to learn.

As always, we will continue to communicate regularly through our website, newsletters, and parent platforms. If you have any questions or need support at any time, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Personal Tutor or Head of Year.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are excited about the year ahead and, above all, we're so pleased to have our students back this week—refreshed, ready to learn, and full of potential. Let's work together to make 2025–26 a successful and memorable year for all.

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With warmest regards

Mr A Fitzgibbon



Principal