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Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of a very successful year at Ipswich Academy, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students on their hard work and dedication to their studies. Also, thank you for your ongoing support which we appreciate as it makes a big difference.

The academy has seen significant improvements over the last year including the removal of special measures. Over the next year we shall work relentlessly to continue to improve the quality of teaching and behaviour for learning so that the students have the best possible learning experience.

Our focus for the next academic year will be personal responsibility. The students have already come forward with excellent ideas as to how they can support the local community and charities. We will be developing our extra-curricular offer so that our students have access to a variety of experiences which will help them to develop as rounded young people.

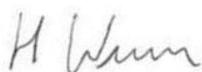
An important aspect of the personal responsibility focus will be to ensure that all students are in proper school uniform, including the correct footwear which should be black shoes, not trainers. Please see the enclosed flyer for a reminder of the correct school uniform. Many of you have rightly spoken to me about the importance of school uniform; how our students present themselves has a big impact on the way that visitors and the local community view our academy. There will be immediate consequences for students in incorrect uniform which we hope that we will not have to enforce; we much prefer concentrating on learning!

Another area of our personal responsibility focus will be having the correct equipment so that all students are ready for learning the minute that they enter the classroom. We cannot afford to waste time nor have any disruptions to learning at the start of lessons. The school equipment list is detailed on the flyer and pencil cases with full sets of equipment can be purchased from the school library for £1.45.

We are changing the way that we organise homework for our key stage 3 students. Parents/carers of students in years 7 to 9 will receive details of a homework launch evening on Thursday 7th September; please keep this date free in your diary.

We are very excited about coming back in September to build on the successes of this year and we look forward to welcoming our new year 7 students who had a fantastic induction last week. I hope that you have a restful and enjoyable break over the summer.

Yours faithfully,



Helen Winn
Principal