

18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear parent/carer,

As we come to the end of the year, we have much to celebrate at Ipswich Academy. Our students are now taking part in a variety of extra-curricular activities, year 7 have settled in and are making great progress, and year 11 have performed well in their mock examinations.

Our reputation within the wider community is improving rapidly. Every time I take visitors around the academy, they are incredibly impressed with the attitude and work ethic of our students. Very importantly, they always comment on how polite, well-mannered and positive our students are. All of our students should be rightly proud of themselves.

As always, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. I have received some very helpful and constructive feedback from you, via e-mail and our Parent Focus Group, on our new homework procedures. We have taken on board your comments and we made some amendments which you will see in the letter from Julie Wilson, lead teacher for homework.

Our next Parent Focus Group meetings will take place Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. At these meetings, we will be showing you our new assessment and reporting procedures for years 7 to 9. We are keen to have your views on this.

We are excited to hold our first Ipswich Academy quiz at 6.30 on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February which has been designed for families. Tickets are available from Sandra Kingston, librarian. Proceeds will go towards new books for our ever expanding library. We hope that this is the first of many such events.

I am sure that 2018 will see Ipswich Academy go from strength to strength. I hope that you have a happy and restful break.

Yours faithfully,

**Helen Winn**

Principal