

9th September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome your daughters back to Skipton Girls' High School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting us in ensuring that all our students have returned to us ready to give their very best during the next academic year.

We start the year celebrating sensational examination achievements of our GCSE, AS and A level students:

- At GCSE 65% of all grades achieved were an A*/A Grade, an increase of 7% on 2015;
- 98.2% achieved 5A*- C inc. English and Mathematics and 85% of students achieved the English Baccalaureate with particularly impressive results in English, Mathematics, Physics, Biology and Chemistry;
- In total 53 girls achieved 10 or more GCSE passes at A* or A grades compared to 35 in 2015;
- At A Level 43% of students achieved A*/A grades and 27 students secured A*/A grades in all their A level subjects (an increase from 14 students in 2015);
- Over 76% of students achieved their first choice university and 42% of the Year 13 cohort achieved places at the top Russell Group universities and highly reputable Apprenticeship programmes;
- Our AS Level examination results were incredibly impressive and the best results the school has achieved for 8 years.

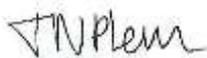
I congratulate all our students for their hard work and effort, the significant support of our teaching and associate staff and hugely supportive parents.

Our main ambition for 2016 is to cultivate a culture of Bravery. As staff, we are passionate about further supporting our students to build positive character strengths, to be brave, develop resilience, honesty and perseverance and a healthy zest for life and learning. In order to achieve this goal we have reviewed, and will be aligning, our whole school activities, gatherings, house events and enrichment programme around this theme.

A key part of our success with young women is ensuring that all students are striving for individualised excellence, not perfection.

Thank for your continued support of what we do to ensure the very best for our students.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Plews
Headteacher

