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Dear parents and carers

I hope that you and your family have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to The Bulwell Academy later this week. Our Year 7 and 11 cohort will join us on Wednesday 3 September 2025, and we are excited to see all other pupils return on Thursday 4 September 2025. The start of a new academic year always brings fresh energy, new opportunities, and a renewed focus on learning and growth.

Over the summer, we have undertaken significant work to improve the school environment for our pupils. I am delighted to share that over £250,000 has been invested in the following enhancements:

- **Renovation of our reception area** to create a more welcoming and professional space.
- A complete refurbishment of the restaurant, improving both aesthetics and functionality.
- **Development of a Community Hub**, including the addition of a fully equipped IT suite.
- Installation of a state-of-the-art sound and lighting system in the main hall to support performances and events.
- **Upgrades to IT infrastructure across the school**, enhancing the quality of teaching and learning.
- Creation of **two outdoor wellbeing spaces to support staff and pupil mental health and relaxation**.
- **Establishment of two sensory rooms**, designed to provide a calming and supportive environment for pupils who need it.
- **Creation of a Personal Development Hub** designed to support pupils to build essential life skills and access tailored guidance, interventions and a range of enrichment opportunities.

In addition to our own investment, the Creative Education Trust has generously contributed £100,000 to redevelop the grassed area at the back of the school. This space will soon feature a large football pitch and athletics track, providing pupils with a high-quality green space for lessons, extra-curricular activities, and lunchtime recreation. While we await the completion of the seeding process, we are excited about the opportunities this new area will bring.



On 21 August, we celebrated the achievements of our Year 11 pupils on GCSE results day. We were honoured to welcome Branwen Jeffreys, Education Editor at BBC News, who visited the Academy and reported on the successes of our students. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and accomplishments.

Here are a few of the highlighted reviews:

***Sevante Mitchell***

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/cy08y5zxe0lt?post=asset%3A7842ccdd-8471-4103-8f70-9006e16ed793#post>

***Gabriel Afonso***

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/cy08y5zxe0lt?post=asset%3Aca758fcf-154f-4ced-b954-2babd5bc03c7#post>

***Hucknall Dispatch***

[https://www.hucknalldispatch.co.uk/education/students-at-the-bulwell-academy-delighted-with-gcse-success-5284685?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR4soh0\\_iO52Cv4QjZmXH8ScIbvBm\\_GjhN4reuHAUhAHH0VbYVg\\_20VR2e4n1g\\_aem\\_UGtfFOyEkr6PvIa4L0ZmzQ](https://www.hucknalldispatch.co.uk/education/students-at-the-bulwell-academy-delighted-with-gcse-success-5284685?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR4soh0_iO52Cv4QjZmXH8ScIbvBm_GjhN4reuHAUhAHH0VbYVg_20VR2e4n1g_aem_UGtfFOyEkr6PvIa4L0ZmzQ)

Last year marked a period of significant and positive change at The Bulwell Academy, with local and national recognition of our progress. The **#newera** was a huge success, and as we move forward, we now enter the **#eraofbelonging** - a time where our focus is to create a school that pupils feel proud to be part of. It will be a place where appropriate support is given to all pupils, where opportunities are afforded to every child, and where kindness is not just encouraged but is tangible in every interaction. This next phase of our journey places pupils, parents, and the community at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another successful year together.

Yours sincerely

**Matt Irons**  
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