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# Urmston Grammar

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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a good summer and were able to take time as a family to enjoy each other's company.

The new term has started well and it has been good to welcome all our students as they settle into the demands of a new timetable. A significant number of new staff, and students in Years 7 and 12, have joined us for the first time this September; we are looking forward to working with them as they become part of the Urmston Grammar community.

29 of our students and 3 of our staff – had a very exciting start to the summer break. They took part in the expedition to Ecuador and had some amazing challenges, including: trekking through the jungle; reforesting roadside areas of remote villages; painting classrooms and renovating playgrounds for young children in local communities. They learnt a whole range of new skills as they built sanitation blocks, worked with locals to build the main road, created a community garden, built guinea pig hutches and harvested corn. The resolve they showed as they trekked up the Andes will no doubt have given them confidence and developed their resilience.

These individuals have achieved so much and I am looking forward to hearing more about their experiences in Ecuador over the next few weeks.

As I am sure you are aware, the school has three key messages that we try to reinforce with all our students: pride, participation and empathy.

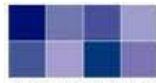
- We want all students **to take pride** in themselves and all that they do; every student should work hard to ensure that they reach their full potential.
- We want every student **to make the most of opportunities** that are available to them; each student should commit to participating in school life both inside and outside the classroom. We hope each of them will ensure that they exploit every opportunity to learn, achieve and excel.
- We also want all students **to develop empathy** for others, to understand their feelings and to be determined about supporting others who are not as fortunate as they are. It is important that we continue to strengthen our community by ensuring that we all look after one another.



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I am sure your sons and daughters will have told you that the school gates and perimeter fences have been updated over the summer holiday. (This was funded through the school's successful bid to the Department for Education to improve site security). As the gate systems lock at 8:30 am it is essential that all students are in their form rooms before this, so that that they can be punctual for registration.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that on **Monday 16th September we are holding our entrance examination** and so the school is closed to students in Years 7-11 and Year 13. Many thanks to Year 12 who will be supporting the administration of this important day in our school calendar.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to meeting you during the course of the year.

Yours faithfully,

Riffat Wall  
Principal



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