



Broadway School

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Name: _____ Form: _____

Dear Parents/Carers

Results

I am delighted to announce that since my last letter our validated results have come in and now show the following for September 2009.

- 64% 5A*-C (top three of most improved schools in Birmingham)
- 37% 5A*-C including English and Maths

Whilst we have made huge strides forward there are many more things we need to do to improve. The relationship between the school and home is vital. I have been delighted with your turnout at parents' evenings with over 90% of you regularly turning up to meet the teachers to discuss your children's progress.

School Improvement

As part of our agenda to improve as a school we have identified four areas that are a priority:

1. To improve attendance of certain groups of students
2. To make sure every child exceeds his/her academic potential
3. The marking of students work needs to be more consistent across the school
4. To improve achievement with 6th form students

Staffing

For the first time in many years, we have a full complement in teaching staff. As a result, staffing is very stable with very little turnover which provides continuity in teaching for your children. Since Easter, we have appointed over 20 staff; seven new staff in English and Maths and fourteen additional staff. We believe teaching in the school has improved to a good level and I insist that only the best teaching is right for your children. The staff at Broadway are very committed to making a difference and willingly go the extra mile. Over 40 Year 11 students turn up on Saturday mornings for 4 hours of additional maths in the run up to their exams. The results of catch up work during the Easter holidays for English will also ensure that every child achieves a good GCSE grade at the end of Year 11. I am sure you will agree with me that we have excellent teachers at Broadway.

Decant

Despite moving the whole school into our new building, we believe we are continuing to improve as a school. This has been a huge logistical exercise, but we are now in a position where standards, behaviour and teaching are good and constantly improving. We are in the temporary accommodation until January 2011. We have had Tony Howell, the Strategic Director for Education in the city, open the boulevard which is the longest piece of artwork in the country designed to inspire students as they come into school.

Aston Pride Funding

As part of my vision for the school, I am delighted to have secured an extra £3.1m from Aston Pride for the school and wider community of Aston. This will help us develop our community links further, develop a world class school that is fit for purpose for all in the local community and help transform Broadway into the outstanding school that you all deserve. The extra £3.1m will provide the following: Outdoor dining area, dining area, audiovisual equipment, courtyard area, community haven buildings, fitness suite, sports equipment, outdoor plasma screens, community equipment, Astroturf and MUGA, community arts projects and homezone.

Simple Rules (Please share these with your children)

1. Attend school every day; excellent attendance = excellent results
2. Show respect to each other within the school community
3. Come prepared to learn with correct uniform and equipment
4. Complete all work set by teachers
5. Come with a positive attitude; do as you are told first time
6. Enjoy your time at Broadway; do not miss an opportunity

Important dates for next half term

School opens: Monday 2 November School closes: Friday 18 December

Inset day: Friday 27 November (school closed to pupils); 6th form parents' evening: Wednesday 4 November; Y10 progress evening: Thursday 3 December; Careers Fair: Tuesday 24 November 5.00-7.00pm; Y11 Study Skills/6th form promotion: Saturday 12 December.

Parental Links

If you have an issue relating to your child, your first contact with the school should be through the Student Support Manager. The Headteacher also holds a parental surgery on Friday evenings from 5.00pm; please book an appointment via Helen Cook on 0121 464 8844.

Our Children

Our Community

Believe it can be done

Yours sincerely

R J Skelton
Headteacher

