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The new school year at Garibaldi

Dear parents and carers

I hope that you and your family have had an opportunity to relax and spend time together over the summer. I am writing to introduce myself properly to you at the start of the school year. It is a real privilege to be taking up the position of Head Teacher at The Garibaldi School after relocating from London over the summer. I grew up in Nottinghamshire before moving for work and it is brilliant to be back in the county with my family.

It has been a great start to the new school year at The Garibaldi School and it has been lovely to welcome students back. Our new Year 7 cohort have had a very strong start with other year groups acting as role models for success here at Garibaldi. Students have looked smart, been polite and have been working very hard in lessons. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child(ren) has started the year so well.

I wanted to share with you some of the achievements that we secured for students as they left our Sixth Form this year. At A-level we had some exceptional results with three students from Garibaldi starting at Oxford and Cambridge Universities in October. This outcome is extraordinary, much better than many larger and more selective Sixth Forms. We also had students gaining places in other prestigious universities, going into degree level apprenticeships and into very competitive training courses. We are proud of them all!

Being prepared and ready to learn is important in ensuring your child's success at The Garibaldi School. Please make sure that students have the correct uniform, correct PE kit and are fully equipped for the year ahead, the uniform list is [available here](#). If there are any issues with this please contact Student Services so we can support you with this.

I am really looking forward to getting to know the Garibaldi community over the next few weeks. There will be opportunities throughout the year for you to come into school to celebrate your child's successes, get updates on their progress and meet with members of staff.

On Tuesday 17th September from 5:00pm until 6:00pm we are inviting parents and carers to attend a parental engagement evening where you will have an opportunity to hear from me and meet with members of the senior leadership team. Light refreshments will be available therefore in order to manage catering, and facilitate for any dietary requirements, I would ask that if you would like to attend please click on [this link](#) to register your attendance. We would ask that children/students do not attend with you. Please note the deadline for submitting your attendance is Tuesday 17th September 2024.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Cassidy
Head Teacher

