# THE LAUREATE LEDGER

## AUTUMN 1 2019

### The Principal's Welcome



I am delighted to welcome you to the latest edition of The Laureate Ledger, and to an exciting new year at our school.

The start of a new academic year is always an exciting time. It was a pleasure to welcome our new cohort of Year 7 students, who looked impeccable in their new Laureate Academy uniforms. They have arrived feeling positive and excited about attending Laureate Academy.

We have much to look forward to this year with the start of our Year 7 Music programme, the launch of our House system, a whole-school production of Bugsy Malone and much more.

One of our most pressing events this term will be the 2020 entry Open Mornings and Open Evening: these will be a chance to showcase our exemplary knowledge-rich curriculum and extra-curricular activities. These events will then be followed by our Post-16 event in Term 2, as we excitingly begin to transform the Laureate Academy Sixth Form into a place for students to pursue a diverse range of A-Levels and to prepare for university life.

Our values of knowledge, respect and aspiration are at the very heart of our community here at Laureate. We want the very best for our students in all that they do here and we look forward to celebrating their successes with you throughout the year.

Mr. Matt Singh, Principal



#### UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September Term Begins

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 18:30 UCAS Evening Y13

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October Y12 First Check

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 8:45-10:00 Open Morning for 2020 Entry

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 8:45- 10:00 Open Morning for 2020 Entry

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 17:00-19:00 Open Evening for 2020 Entry

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 16:00 – 17:30 Y7 'Meet the Tutor'

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October Y13 Assessment Week Begins

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 18:00 – 19:00 Y11 Revision Evening

### 2018-2019 in Focus

2018-2019 was an exciting and successful year for Laureate Academy, filled with sporting, musical, artistic and academic success. Whilst headline data has yet to be published by the Department for Education, we would like to congratulate the many students achieving their desired results, both at GCSE and A-Level. The vast majority of our students secured places on the sixth form course of their choice, which is testament to both their hard work and diligence as well as to the outstanding level of support provided by their teachers and the pastoral team. All those sixth formers who wanted to go to university have gained places, and we wish them the very best of luck on their new journey.

### **The Term Ahead**

This year we began with two days of inset, having a keen focus on conduct, community and classroom practice. Our staff cohort are galvanized and we approach the new academic year with energy and enthusiasm. We will also be looking to build on the success of last year by focusing on our classroom practice and making sure that our students are challenged appropriately and are well-supported in all of their subjects.

With this in mind, please take time to speak to your child on a regular basis about their lessons and the work that they are doing. We would also appreciate it if you could curb their use of mobile phones and games consoles during school nights so that they can get a good night's sleep in preparation for the following day.



#### UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 10th October Whole School Enrichment Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October Y7 Trip to Outdoor Activity Centre

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Careers fair at Shendish Manor

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October Last day of Autumn 1

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November Half Term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November Staff Inset Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November Autumn 2 Begins