



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY  
SAMWORTH ACADEMY

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to welcome you all to a new school year, and to provide you with a brief update on our pupils' successes in their summer examinations.

### **NUSA's Best Ever Examination Results**

Through last year our Year 11s and their teachers worked harder than ever as they tackled the new GCSE examinations in English and Maths. I am delighted to say that our pupils outperformed even our own predictions! Approximately half of our pupils secured an awarding pass (grade 4) in both English and Maths, and a third secured the new 'good pass' (grade 5) in both.

We were also delighted to see that some of our pupils were awarded the new grade 9, which are only given to the very best pupils in the country. Between them our pupils secured no less than four grade 9s in Maths and two in English, with one pupil managing to get a grade 9 in both subjects!

The success didn't end there, though. Nearly every subject secured record results, which has helped all of our pupils move onto their chosen futures. A third of our pupils secured 8 GCSEs at a C grade or better, and the year group were awarded 136 A and A\* grades in GCSE courses and 93 Distinctions in BTEC courses.

These fantastic results mean that NUSA pupils' progress was some of the best of any Nottingham school, and NUSA will likely finish in the top 20% of schools in the country for progress between key stages 2 and 4. Our Year 11s rounded it all off with a fantastic contribution to the National Citizenship Service, with 50 of our pupils supporting some of our local care homes and a children's ward at a city hospital. I am enormously proud of every one of them!

In addition to these achievements, our older students who finished their post 16 studies with us also secured record results. No less than five of our students will start at the University of Nottingham this term, while others have secured places at Nottingham Trent University, the University of Derby and the University of Leicester.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our pupils, parents, carers and staff for all of their hard work last year that made these amazing results possible.

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### **New starters at NUSA**

I would also like to extend a special welcome to those pupils and their families who have joined NUSA this term. We are delighted by the positive attitudes we have seen from all of our pupils in these first few days, and we are truly excited to see what we can achieve together in 2017 – 18.

### **Year 6 Open Evening – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 6:00 p.m.**

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to our open evening for Year 6 pupils and their families who will soon be facing the decision about which secondary schools to apply to, for next year. Even if you already have children at NUSA, it would be lovely to have you join us for the evening, and please feel free to invite other families as all are welcome. The evening will start with a presentation in our lecture theatre at 6:00 p.m. and then you will have an opportunity to tour the school and meet some of our pupils and staff.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Watts', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mark Watts  
Head of School