

Dear All

The start of a new academic year is always a time of excitement and apprehension for students families and teachers alike. I welcome you all at the beginning of the school year 2018-19 and a particular welcome to families who are new to QP this year and for those teachers who will be joining our schools for the first time.

I have already had the pleasure of meeting the new staff, for many it is their first time living and working in the region and there will be much to become accustomed to, you won't be surprised to hear that the weather has been mentioned more than once. I wish them well and look forward to working with all the staff over the coming year as we look to provide the very best education for our students.

For all students there will be new teachers, classrooms and the chance for a new start. This time of year is always an opportunity for our young people to start fresh and evaluate how to become the people they want to be. Again, I wish them all well and look forward to sharing their learning journeys as the year progresses.



As the new year begins we can reflect on what has gone before and I am delighted to inform you that the GCSE results for both schools are the highest yet achieved. In both DES and MIS, the proportion of students achieving grades A*-C (9-4) was over 80%. I congratulate the students and staff and am assured that each schools commitment to ongoing improvement will look to build on these positive results.

I am also pleased to report that the building of the new primary provision at Dukhan has continued on schedule through the summer and that students and staff will begin to occupy the building within the published timescales. This is exciting news, the building will be a fantastic resource to support the education of all learners at Dukhan in the future as well as being a valuable addition to the local community. There will be planned moving arrangements but the school will look to minimize any disruption to families and students.

I look forward to more exciting developments ahead as well as the opportunity to meet with key stakeholders in making 2018-19 a successful school year for all.

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