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It is my pleasure to welcome you to, or welcome you back to, the new academic year at Dame Alice Owen's; we have an exciting year ahead of us!

The year has already started well with the Daily Telegraph ranking our sixth form as **the best (non-selective) sixth form in the country** and the 9th highest ranking sixth form in the country when considered alongside all independent and fully selective schools. The paper made this judgment after looking at A-level grades awarded but also after examining how certain groups of students achieved, such as those considered disadvantaged. They also looked at the number of students who make it to the end of their courses as well as the number of subjects on offer in the sixth form and the proportion of students who go on to university, especially those described as being part of the 'Russell Group'. It is wonderful to have had our outstanding sixth form recognised in this way and to be able to publicly thank the whole staff, and especially Ms McClean and her incredible team, for the tireless work they do.

As you may have read or noted, we are entering into our 50th year in Potters Bar and we have a year of celebration and fundraising ahead of us. This will kick off with our **whole school photograph**, the first in 12 years, taking place tomorrow, Friday 5th September. Smartest uniform for Years 7-11 and formal uniform (white shirt/blouse with black or dark skirt/trouser/suit) for sixth form on this day please.

We will let you know the finer details of other events to come in due course but please make a note of the following which you can look forward to:

**** CLOSING 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 **** **The Big Raffle Draw** - will you be lucky enough to win a table for six in the **Chairman's Box** for the **Manchester City FC vs Arsenal game on 18 April 2026** with all table wines, beers, soft drinks and a three-course meal included as well front row seats in the Director's Box from which to watch the match? Interested? Click [here](#) to buy your raffle tickets but remember, this closes very soon! **** CLOSING 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 ****



October 2025 - all students will be offered the opportunity to **grow £10** into the largest amount by whatever (honest!) means they can. Prizes will be awarded to the individual or group who secure the biggest return on the investment by April.

November 2025 - **Beer Tasting, quiz and dinner, at Brewers' Hall** - come and learn about beer from the Brewers themselves before being given ample opportunity to put your new knowledge to the test!