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**Tanbridge House School**  
A Specialist Science, Mathematics &  
Computing College

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Academic Year 2011-12**

As a new academic year fast approaches, it is a pleasure to write to you in order to reflect upon recent successes and most importantly, to look forward to exciting times ahead.

First and foremost, I am delighted to announce another stunning set of GCSE results; 66% of students gained 5+ A\*-C (inc. English and Maths) and 90% of students gained 5 or more A\*-C passes overall. Remarkably, one in five students leaving Tanbridge House achieved 7 or more A\*-A grades. My thanks go to the students for their hard work, their very supportive families and of course all of my colleagues at school.

Our focus on academic performance will continue to be underpinned by ensuring that students of all abilities have the opportunity to continue to experience a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities. These include Science and IT Clubs, team and individual sports and Performing Arts in all of its many guises. Please do encourage your child to take part as much as possible.

Following on from the success of our sponsored walk, which raised over £11,000 for the Dame Vera Lynn Trust and the visit of Lord Sebastian Coe, we are now looking forward our Paralympic Day on Friday 23 September. Along with pupils from our primary school partners, we will be welcoming a host of Paralympic hopefuls to Tanbridge House in order to showcase a range of fantastic interactive sports. For more details please keep an eye on our newly upgraded website <http://www.tanbridge-house-sch.co.uk/>.

On a practical note, I hope that you will continue to provide excellent support for all of the important "basic standards" that have helped Tanbridge House improve so much. Please ensure that your son or daughter adheres to our high expectations in terms of uniform, attendance and punctuality. Black shoes, no extreme hairstyles, single stud earrings and alike are the order of the day! I also know that our whole community values our emphasis on courtesy, respect and kindness.

I look forward to welcoming your child back to school bright and early (8.40am) on Monday 5 September.

Yours sincerely

Jules White  
Headteacher