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Dear Parent/Carer(s),

On behalf of all the staff at Stoke Newington School – a very Happy New Year to you all and welcome back.

It has been a positive start to the academic term and I am grateful to staff and students who have made me so welcome. Like I said in my first letter sent to you during the holidays, the first step in any school improvement is the raising of expectations. I am of the unwavering belief that all our students have the potential to achieve well and contribute positively to the School community and beyond. Teachers and support staff have found the small changes made to the behaviour policy equating to an improved use of lesson time. Whilst we feel the immediate positive gains, in the long run this will mean time for greater breadth and depth to our teaching and learning.

Today, we received fantastic news that Stoke Newington School and Sixth Form is ranked in the top 20% of schools and colleges nationally for outstanding progress in 2018(ALPS). The ALPS score is an average over three years so demonstrates a high level of consistency. Congratulations to all in the school community who contributed to this. Presently, the sixth form team are working hard to ensure the last few university applications are submitted before next Tuesday's deadline. If your son or daughter has yet to complete their form, please could you encourage them to do so.

It is good to hear the Year 11s rose to the challenge of the mock examinations last term, the results of the Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) will be coming out shortly.

A reminder about the new Headteacher's drop-in for parents and carers, at which you can discuss any concerns or issues that you would like me to address. These will be held 8:40-9:40am on the following dates: Friday 18th January, Friday 1st March, Friday 3rd May and Friday 21st June.

I look forward to meeting you.

Yours faithfully,

Zehra Jaffer