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Dear Parents/Carers

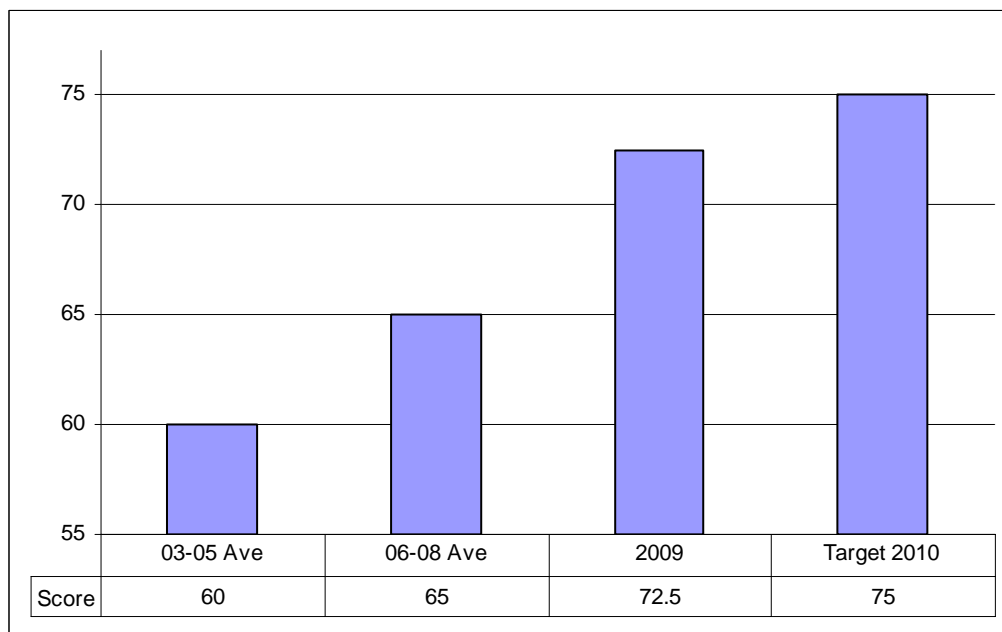
I am writing with a brief summary of our recent examination results. I would like to apologise for the delay in communicating with parents. I have been involved in a thorough analysis of the results with senior staff, heads of departments, as well as members of the local authority. These meetings were concluded on Monday 14th September and I am therefore in a position to make a more detailed response about the results, particularly those at Key Stage 4.

**Key Stage 3 Result 2009 (Year 9)**

**Level 5+**

English	Mathematics	Science
<b>67%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>77%</b>

**Level 5+ Average of core subjects**



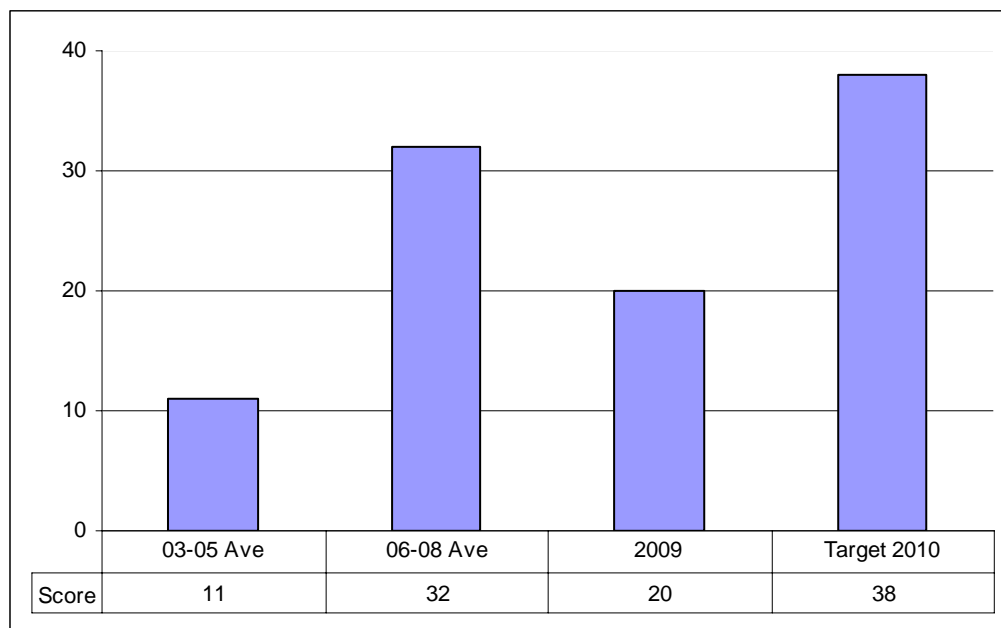
**Commentary**

- Both Mathematics and Science exceeded the Local Authority negotiated targets.
- The average of the three core subjects L5+ is 72.5%, which shows clear evidence of an improving trend, compared with 2003-2005 and 2006-2008.
- These results will provide a good platform for success in the GCSE results of 2011.



## **Key Stage 4 Result 2009 (Year 11)**

% 5+ A\*-C including English and Mathematics **20**



### **Commentary**

- Performance of the top set students was very strong with 11 achieving 9+ A\*-C and 8 achieving 8+ A\*-C, according to the Local Authority these students did very well.
- The proportion of students achieving 5+ A\*-G increased by 6% to 95.5%, with the result that a higher number of students left Brakenhale with GCSE qualifications at the end of Year 11.
- The headline result of 5+ A\*-C grades including English and Mathematics was disappointing. This was largely caused by a small number of students missing this important threshold by in some cases a single grade in a single subject.

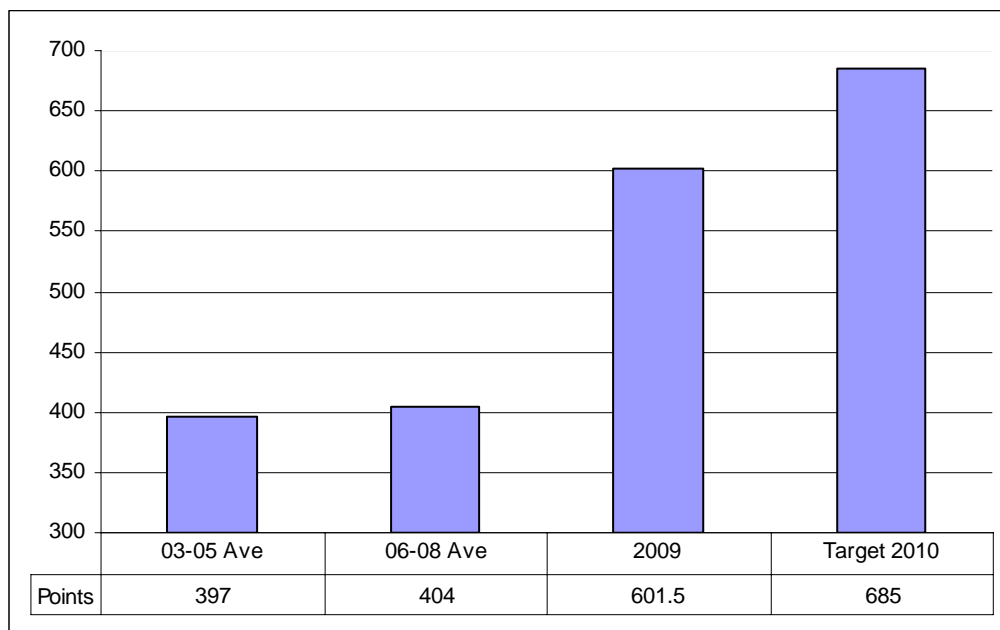
### **Action Plan for 2009-2010**

It must be remembered that the profile of every year group is unique, and that there are a number of factors that indicate that the prospect for 2010 is positive. The following strategies form part of the School Improvement Plan for 09-10, with a particular focus on raising the 'headline' result of 5+ A\*-C including English and Mathematics.

- Robust monitoring of targets and students' progress.
- Academic mentoring for Year 11 students.
- Active parental involvement in supporting achievement and progress, including parental information evenings.
- Additional learning opportunities as part of an extra-curricular programme
- Active participation in the 'Partners in Excellence' programme with a specific focus on achievement at Key Stage 4.

## Key Stage 5 Result 2009 (Year 13)

Average points score per student **601.5**



### Commentary

- The Post-16 results are the best in the history of the school with a 100% pass rate achieved at grades A-E.
- All of our students achieved three passes at A2 and the average points score per student exceeded the school/LA target.
- These results confirm OFSTED's good judgement of our Sixth Form and have allowed our students to progress successfully to Higher Education.

In summary the results at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 5 are very encouraging, those at Key Stage 4 in terms of 5+ A\*-C passes including English and Mathematics need to and will improve in 2010.

I would particularly like to thank the parents who have indicated their positive support for the school as well as their support for myself personally. At Brakenhale we value the partnership we have with parents and it is very important that we work together for the benefit of our students. The staff and students have started the year in a very positive manner and we are confident that with much hard work and commitment we will deliver positive results at Key Stage 4 in 2010.

Yours faithfully

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