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**Dear Parents and Students** 

On behalf of the Guru Nanak Sikh Academy, we would like to welcome you back to the 2016-17 Summer Term and to a number of exciting new additions to the school.

The Spring Term saw the launch of the new House System with great success. Each student and staff can earn 'House Points' for their respective Houses. This allows students to be recognised for their hard work both individually and as part of their House team. Students can gain the points in lessons or representing their House in weekly competitions run by different subjects. Students will receive rewards and certificates as they reach different milestones throughout the year. In addition, the winning House will also have a chance to attend a special trip planned for early September. The new houses: **Pankhurst, Austen, Seacole, Brunel, Harvey and Franklin.** 

We are also delighted to announce a number of new staff who have joined the Academy and look forward to the expertise they bring to our already excellent staff.

Mr Dhokia joins us as the new Assistant Principal with responsibility for Teaching and Learning. He brings with him a wealth of experience as we look continually to improve the quality of teaching and attainment at our school.

'I believe every child deserves a champion. A teacher who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be.'

Mrs Chotai has become the new Subject Leader in Art and Design and brings an abundance of skills and expertise to our flourishing Art department.

'As a practicing artist, I look forward to working with staff and students across the Multi Academy Trust to raise the awareness and use of Art. I look forward to some exciting Art projects ahead to bring together our community and show off the talents of the GNSA students!'

We also have new members in other subjects including Mr Singh & Mr Sokhi in the Maths department and Mrs Kaur in English. Mrs Herlihy joins our Geography department.

The Summer Term brings us to an examination period throughout the school. This can be a stressful time for students and we appreciate you working with us in ensuring your son or daughter understands the importance of their exams and the high level of commitment required throughout this period. The end of year exams are an ideal opportunity for students to experience the preparation and organisation that will be required in their future GSCEs.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Perryman - Assistant Principal for Student Support