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Dear Parent/Guardian

# Welcome to Year 10

Now we have had a few days to settle into Year 10 I would like to welcome everyone back and congratulate formally the year group on a really successful start to the last year of their GCSEs. They ended with some amazing levels of achievement and also have come back now with a really positive outlook on the year. I hope these levels continue throughout the year so that we can continue to celebrate all of their successes both in and out of school. On that note I would like to remind you of our year group Wonderwall. I really enjoy hearing about all the things they are doing outside of school and all of their achievements alongside this. Please do continue to write to me about these so we can celebrate them in school.

Please find below some key information I thought you should be aware of at this time of year and hopefully it might answer some questions that have started to come my way too.

Our tutor team for this year has not changed too much, please remember these are your first port of call when writing into the school about anything.

M1	Ms Wragg (Art) and Mrs Dudman (Art)
M2	Mrs Bell (Science- Biology)
M3	Miss Chapman (PE)
M4	Dr Hinitt (Science- Biology)
LK	Mr Jones (Business Studies)
E1	Miss Bew (English)
E2	Miss Bourne (Geography)
E3	Miss Shepherd (English)
E4	Mr Maria (Maths) and Mr Bell (Music)

## Uniform

I would particularly welcome your support in ensuring that your child is dressed according to the uniform policy. This can be found at: <u>http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1015&type=pdf</u>

Your help in ensuring that shoes are correct, nail polish is removed, make up is minimal and that students are wearing their uniform in accordance with the specified policy is very much appreciated and ensures that we can concentrate on their learning, rather than what they are wearing. If there are financial concerns that are preventing this, then please contact me.

## **Contacting the School**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents how to contact the school. All members of staff can be contacted via the main school office email or switchboard number. If your query relates to a particular subject e.g. maths, then your questions should be directed to your child's maths teacher or to the Maths Department.

If you have a pastoral issue, then please contact your child's tutor in the first instance who will be happy to help and assist you in your query. You can contact your child's tutor by emailing reception and asking them to forward onto your child's tutor. All of the staff (including myself) have a significant teaching timetable and we are committed to responding to your email or telephone messages within 72 hours. Unfortunately, we are unable to meet with parents who come straight to reception without an appointment.

#### Intervention

You will have noticed a difference on the timetable this year with intervention classes being added onto the timetable. These are set up to rotate 5 times throughout the year with lots of subjects taking part and requesting students' presence on these lessons. We aim to only use PE (unless GCSE subject) twice in the year. We cannot take requests for certain sessions as these have already been allocated. Should your child wish to do one specifically I would ask that they come and speak to me themselves so I can explain next steps to them.

#### **Key Dates**

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the following key dates and further information regarding these will follow shortly:

Date	Event
30 September	Whole School Target setting for two weeks
8 October	Year 10 Information Evening
21 October	DCP1 Available
26 November	Yr 10 Mental Health Awareness Day
22 January	Parents Apprenticeship Information Evening
28 January to 31 January	School Production
4 February	Careers Fair
24 February	DCP2 Available
24 February to 28 February	Year 10 Pre-Public Examinations
3 March	Year 10 Oxbridge prep
12 March	Young Shakespeare Day
25 March	Performing Arts Showcase
11 May	1 <sup>st</sup> RP Exam
19 May	2 <sup>nd</sup> RP Exam
19 May	10M Progress Meetings
21 May	10E Progress Meetings
1, 2, 8, 9 June	Geography Field Trips
3 June	D&T Coursework
15 16 June	Drama Exams
22-25 June	Food Practicals
25 June	MFL Speaking Exams
26 June	Thinking Ahead Day
29 June	DCP3 Available
8 July	Summer Concert
10 July	Sports Personality

This list is not exhaustive and further dates will follow.

Thank you in advance for your support this coming year and if you have any questions or concerns then don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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Miss C Nimmo Head of Year 10