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Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to Year 9

Welcome to Key Stage 4, Year 9 and the start of the GCSE curriculum. Together, with your support we now intend to build on the knowledge gained and skills learnt in Foundation and start the GCSE curriculum in your child's chosen subjects. We intend to monitor closely their punctuality to school, their effort over the coming year and the progress they are making. We welcome your support in discussing with them the importance of starting their GCSE year well, focusing in the classroom, completing homework on time and ensuring they come appropriately equipped for their lessons. If you feel that something has happened at home to affect this, that your child requires some additional support both academically or pastorally then please don't hesitate to contact us. In addition to the academic progress we hope that they make this year, we are keen that they develop holistically for the world of opportunities that await them after Key Stage 4 and that they are well prepared for this.

Celebrating Effort and Behaviour for Learning

We intend to continue to reward for the number of recognition points students receive. These celebrations will take place once each term based on the number of recognition points achieved from their teachers. We intend to use the feedback provided by the pupils last year when organising these effort celebrations about the type of event they would like.

Uniform

I would particularly welcome your support in ensuring that your child is dressed according to the uniform policy. This can be found at: <http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=54>
Your help in ensuring that nail polish is removed, no makeup is worn, correct shoes are worn 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, not 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 explain how to best contact the school. All members of staff can be contacted via the main school office email or switchboard number. If you 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. The heads of each faculty are listed on the website.

If you have a pastoral issue, then please contact your child's tutor in the first instance and if they are unable to assist email or phone me as the Head of Year. My email address is no@maidenerleghschool.co.uk and I can also be contacted via the main school switchboard telephone number. All of the staff (including myself) have a significant teaching timetable and we are committed to responding to your email or telephone messages within 3 working days. Unfortunately, we are unable to meet with parents who come straight to reception without an appointment.

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
Thursday 27 September	'In harm's way' Theatre group performance for Year 9
Tuesday 2 October	Parents Information Evening and Gold Programme Launch for Year 9
Thursday 8 November	'Last Orders' Theatre Group Performance for Year 9
Friday 8 February	Sex and Relationships Awareness Day
Wednesday 13 February	'Chelsea's Choice' Theatre Group production for Year 9
Tuesday 7 May- Friday 10 May	Year 9 Assessment Week
Tuesday 11 (M) and Thursday 13 (E) June	Progress Meetings

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 faithfully



Miss Claire Nimmo
Head of Year 9