

4 September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

### Welcome back

I look forward to welcoming your child back on Thursday. At the start of any academic year there is sense of mixed feelings amongst students and parents alike but our aim is to get them back in to the swing of education as quickly and as calmly as possible. If you have any concerns or feel we should know about any events over the long summer break please do not hesitate to contact us so we can support your child as well as possible.

I am starting this academic year with great excitement as I know there are a lot of exciting events and opportunities ahead. This includes our new house system and I know there are numerous house activities planned throughout the year.

I also wanted to give you a few reminders about some areas we have changed for this academic year. Firstly, please remind your child of our new mobile phone policy and the expectations of them starting this Thursday. Students are expected to have their phones off and in their bags before entering the school gates and these cannot be turned on or be visible until they leave the school site. Should they wish to contact you or vice versa please use reception. Secondly, you will note that we are enforcing our school uniform policy with more rigour especially surrounding shoes. Students are expected to wear polishable black formal shoes with no logo. Students who do not comply will be expected to wear a pair of school shoes provided by us for the day to ensure they do not miss any learning. The shoes are new and available in all sizes.

Looking back, we were delighted with the performance of our Year 11s and Year 13s in their public examinations. Both year groups achieved above what was expected but we will not stop there and will continue to support your child throughout their time here to help them unlock their true potential.

Finally, I wanted share that as of 1 September Mrs Bendall has been appointed as Senior Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for the pastoral leadership of the school which focusses on areas such as inclusion, SEND, behaviour and support. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on being appointed to this role.

Let's make 2019/20 an academic year to remember and I look forward to working with you as part of #TeamMaidenErlegh.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Gibson  
Headteacher