



15 September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to Year 8

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 8. The year group have made a great start to the academic year. The students have shown great resilience and commitment since starting at Maiden Erlegh and are in a great position to achieve well as they continue their journey through Maiden Erlegh School. This year students will be choosing their GCSE options and we will do everything we can to support them through this process.

I would like to introduce the year group team, who will be your main contact regarding your child at school. As well as to set out some the key dates and expectations for the coming year.

Year 8 Tutor team

Head of Year: Mr Crockford

Assistant Head of Year: Mr Whorriskey

	Tutor
M1	Miss Reynolds - Languages
M2	Mrs M Bhattacharjee - Science
M3	Mrs Newton – Science
M4	Mrs Martin – English
M5	Miss Avery - PE
E1	Mr Whorriskey - Drama
E2	Miss Suleyman – English/Mrs Mallon-Mason – English
E3	Mr Bell – Music
E4	Mrs Gibson – Science

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 (mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org) or switchboard number (0118 9262467).

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. You will be able to find out their name from your child's timetable on the SIMs parent app.

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. All staff (including myself) have a significant teaching timetable and we are committed to responding to your email or telephone message within 2 working days. Unfortunately, we are unable to meet with parents who come straight to reception without an appointment.

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/?pid=54.

Your help in ensuring that 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 us.

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
Wednesday 13 October	Parents Start U Explore Information Evening
Monday 15 November	DCP1
Monday 7 February	DCP2
Tuesday 8 February	Year 8 Options Evening
Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17 February	Year 8 Progress Evening
Monday 27 June	DCP3

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

Mr Crockford Head of Year 8