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Dear Parent/Guardian

End of Term Letter - What a Year!

I am incredibly proud of this school community and the way in which everyone has adapted to the changing circumstances we have faced together. This year has been, in my opinion, harder than any of the pandemic years as we have had to tackle normality when it was anything but normal with staff and student absences due to Covid biting in the autumn term, the additional work to ensure the exams years were ready in the spring term, and the preparation work in the summer term for what we hope to be a full year of near normality. There have been so many highlights this year, but for me it has been seeing students participate in activities that they have missed out on for too long – sports days, Duke of Edinburgh, concerts, shows and many more, and these are all what makes this school wonderful.

Let's think about what has been achieved this year as a community:

- Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 sitting public exams for the first time
- Attendance above 91% despite Covid Absence in term 1
- Celebration events
- Marking diversity
- Extra-Curricular activities
- Thousands of pounds raised for charities
- Sporting events
- Art exhibitions
- STEAM Days
- Careers events
- MEIP
- Workshops

And the list goes on...

Goodbyes

It is always a sad time of the year as we say goodbye to colleagues who are leaving us. Some of these have worked for decades at the school and I want to thank them all for their service to our community. Leaving us are:

- Mr Godfrey – Exams Officer
- Mrs Young – Science Teacher
- Mrs Rees – Art Teacher
- Mrs Mackenzie – Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Foss – Cover Manager
- Mr Jones – Product Design Teacher
- Miss Bew – English Teacher
- Miss Savage – English Teacher
- Mrs Gehlot – English Teacher
- Mrs Gale – Science Teacher

- Miss Davis – Teaching Assistant
- Miss Frankel - Teaching Assistant
- Mr Howells - Teaching Assistant
- Miss Kelly – Office Manager and Headteachers PA

Finally, I want to say a thank you to Miss Davies, our CEO, who I owe so much to. Miss Davies led the school with passion, courage and determination prior to me starting in 2019. She has given so much to this school and we wish her a happy retirement.

Hellos!

We also welcome some amazing colleagues to #TeamMaidenErlegh, these are:

Ms Robbins – Teacher of Psychology and Sociology
 Ms Candler – Teacher of Art
 Mrs Reardon-Morgan – Teacher of English
 Miss Rees – Teacher of English
 Ms Huang – Teacher of Physics
 Miss Pepper – Teacher of PE
 Miss Butler – Teacher of English
 Ms Sunthareswaran – Teacher of Product Design
 Mr Stringer – Teacher of Business and Mathematics

These are high quality members of staff and we are thrilled they have chosen Maiden Erlegh to be the home of their teaching.

In addition, we have appointed Miss Nimmo as an Assistant Headteacher, Mr Bell has been appointed as a substantive Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Bendall has been promoted to Deputy Headteacher for the upcoming year. Miss Birch has been appointed to substantive Head of Year and will continue leading her current year group. Miss Kelly has been appointed to Head of Year 8 and Ms Pravda will be Co-Head of Year (0.2) with Mrs Tanner (nee Grindey) (0.8)

The Heads of Year for next year are therefore as follows:

Year 7 – Mr Bryant
 Year 8 – Miss Kelly
 Year 9 – Mr Crockford
 Year 10 – Mrs Tanner & Ms Pravda
 Year 11 – Mr Pringle
 Year 12 – Mrs Hill & Mrs Garner
 Year 13 – Miss Birch

First Day Start Times

The first day of the new academic year is Monday 5 September, when all students are expected to be in school. As normal we will stagger the start of the first day, to ensure we are able to settle in our new students first, before the main study body arrives on site. The following arrival times will apply, and your child should come to the following place in school:

| Year Group | Arrival Time | Meeting Place |
|----------------------|--|---|
| 7 | 8.40am | Under the Covered Way (staff will be available to help) |
| 8 | 9.05am | Under the Covered Way |
| 9 | 9.30am | Under the Covered Way |
| 10 | 9.55am | Under the Covered Way |
| 11 | 9.55am | In tutor rooms (L Block) |
| 12 | 9.00am | Dining Room 2 |
| 13 | 10.00am | Dining Room 2 |
| Violet College | 9.00am | Violet College |
| Indigo Resource Base | 8.40am for Year 7 9.05am for Year 8 | Indigo Resource Base |

Students will have a break at 11.00 and then their first lesson (Period 3) will start at 11.15am.

School Uniform

All students are required to wear full school uniform every day. Students will change into their PE kit at the start of their practical PE lessons and **should not** wear their kit to school. Full school uniform should be accompanied by black polishable shoes, with no logos, unless the student has a formal medical condition, with evidence supplied, in advance, to their Head of Year. One trend that has crept in this year is the wearing of tracksuit tops and hoodies as coats, these are not acceptable and will be confiscated for pick up at the end of the day. If an additional item to the school uniform is required, please ensure this is a normal coat. Shirts should be tucked in at all times. Please see communication from Miss Cheshire regarding the sixth form dress code.

Equipment for Learning (Y7-11)

All students are expected to have their own equipment for learning. All students are expected to have the equipment listed below contained within a transparent pencil case. This pencil case allows tutors to check the equipment of students quickly and easily. We appreciate that students may not be able to fit a scientific calculator and maths set in their transparent pencil cases and so we are happy for these to be carried separately in their school bags.

- Pens – black/blue, green and red
- Writing pencils
- Coloured pencils
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue stick
- 30cm ruler
- Maths set (containing protractor, compass, set square)
- Scientific calculator – we recommend a Casio calculator - FX-83GTX or FX-85GTX, however most scientific calculators are fine.
- At least 2 highlighters
- Transparent pencil case

We recognise that some families may at this time be experiencing financial hardship, if this is the case or you are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, then please contact the relevant Head of Year, if you require additional support.

Students are required to have a reading book, in their bag at all times.

Equipment for Learning (Sixth Form)

All sixth form students are expected to have their own equipment for learning, appropriate for the subjects they are studying.

Resets

As always at this time of year, we look to reset our expectations and we are relaunching the Maiden Erlegh Way for both staff and students. The student version is to the right, and I thank you for your support of this.

A few points for the summer...

Bridge Jumping & Water Safety

Please can you talk with your child about the dangers of Bridge Jumping. We are hearing of an increased number of students from both this school and others taking part in this activity which is incredibly dangerous, and we would like to encourage them to spend their summer taking part in activities which are much safer. I mentioned this last year and was saddened to read about a young lady who became paralysed as a result of this activity.

For more info on water safety, please see the following video:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/57902315>

Relax

This year has been BONKERS for different reasons to last year. Please put down the phones, emails and screens and spend time together. The past few years have emphasised the power of family and friends, make sure you spend time with them.

Good luck to Year 10, 11 and 13

I am sure you will join me in wishing the Year 10, 11 and 13 students the best of luck when they collect their results in August. They have worked tirelessly this year and we hope they get the grades they need for their next steps.

I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Gibson
Headteacher

The Maiden Erlegh Way - students

- Students wear the correct school uniform.
- Students arrive to school and all lessons on time.
- All students have the correct equipment in a transparent pencil case and have this on their desk at the start of each lesson along with their diary.
- Students have their reading book with them at school.
- All students stand behind their chairs in their assigned seat until asked to sit down by the teacher.
- Students always follow staff instructions and do not show defiance or rudeness.
- Students use Brain, Book, Buddy, Boss to grow as independent learners.
- The presentation of books follows the school expectations: titles underlined, date, HW/CW, DIRT in different colour and books remain neat and tidy.
- Students remain on task, without disrupting the learning of others and allow everyone to SUCCEED.
- Students always behave in a manner that is safe and respectful to others, including break, lunch and transition time.
- Students are respectful of our local community on their journey to and from school.
- Mobile phones are switched off and not visible whilst on school site - this is within the green fences and gates including the start and end of the day.



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