



20 July 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

End of Summer Term 2023

What a whirlwind this year has been! It is also the first full year without COVID disruption which I am pleased to have completed. We now find ourselves at the end of another successful academic year and the summer break is in sight. I am extremely proud of how all the students have applied themselves this year, not only academically, it has been a pleasure to see all students taking part in many activities including sports day, productions, Duke of Edinburgh and many more.

We, as a school community, have achieved so much this year and I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support. Your encouragement and involvement in your child's education is a vital ingredient to their success.

Let us take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements we have made this year, as a school community:

- Year 10, 11 and 13 sat public exams, showcasing their confidence, dedication and knowledge
- Embracing diversity, celebrating unique qualities and cultures from around the world
- STEAM days
- Careers events
- Art Exhibitions
- Sporting Leagues
- Sustainability and Eco Club
- Fundraising
- Supporting the LGBTQ+ community

And the accomplishments list continues to grow.

Looking to September

We have been reviewing what we value as a school and from September we will be launching a new values education initiative. We have chosen 6 values that we expect every students to demonstrate and these will be discussed regularly with a particular focus each half term. These values are:

ASPIRATION	PERSEVERANCE
KINDNESS	INTEGRITY
RESPECT	TOLERANCE

We are excited about the launch of these important values and they link closely with Maiden Erlegh Trusts new values of:



Aim High



Work Together



Be Inclusive

As always, in September we will be having a focus on standards. Standards in behaviour, standards in uniform and standards in equipment. Whilst these may seem small things, collectively they have a huge impact on the culture, ethos and success of the school and I do not apologise for this focus.

For uniform requirements, please use this link:

<https://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/site/data/files/users/17/AC42B979862112DE720079A842B1CA7B.pdf>

For shoe requirements:

<https://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/site/data/files/users/E023D4BB32F753EACE96D02077070CD4.pdf>

Equipment requirements can be found at the bottom of the page on this link:

<https://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform+and+Equipment&pid=54>

Students will be expected to be in lessons on time and ready to learn. A 2 minute warning bell is in place before all lessons start so there is no excuse for being late. If a student is late to a lesson 3 times, they will be set a detention. In addition, students not in lessons without a pass from a teacher will be sanctioned in line with our behaviour policy. While I maintain a positive view, I feel it is essential to focus on upholding our standards and felt it timely to kindly remind parents of our expectations ahead of September.

As usual, the start of the day on Tuesday 5 September will be staggered in the following manner:

Year Group	Arrival Time	Where they should go
Year 7	8.30	M Block Tutor Rooms
Year 8	8.45	Covered Way
Year 9	9.00	L Block
Year 10	9.45	Covered Way
Year 11	9.45	G Block
Year 12	8.30	Main Hall
Year 13	9.45	Dining Room

Lessons will formally start Period 3 after break and will run to our new finish time of 3pm.

Our new school day will be in place and students will be expected to be outside at break unless it is deemed to be a wet break. The new school day is as follows:

Tutor	8.30am - 8.50am		
Lesson 1	8.55am - 9.55am		
Lesson 2	10.00am - 11.00am		
Break	11.00am - 11.25am		
Lesson 3	11.25am - 12.25pm		
Lesson 4/Lunch	Lesson	Lunch	
	12.55pm-1.55pm	1	12.25pm-12.55pm
	12.30pm-1.00pm 1.30pm-2.00pm	2	1.00pm-1.30pm
	12.30pm-1.30pm	3	1.30pm-2.00pm
Lesson 5	2.00pm - 3.00pm		

Goodbyes

Sadly, at this time of year we have to say goodbye to colleagues who are leaving us. Many of these have worked at the school for a number of years and will be greatly missed. I would like to express my sincere thanks for their hard work and service to the school community.

We are saying goodbye to:

Mrs C Begg - Data Manager
Miss E Biddle - Science Teacher
Mr H Davies - Teaching Assistant
Miss R John - Attendance Administrator
Miss C Knight - Geography Teacher
Mrs A Loughlin - Technology Technician
Mrs C McIntyre - SEND Manager
Mrs E Michell –Food Teacher
Miss A Pollard - Teaching Assistant
Mrs K Sutton - Teaching Assistant
Miss G Noakes – PE Technician
Mr C Brown – English Teacher

Hellos and Welcome

Miss R Rodwell – Science Technician
Mr Ellison – Permanent teacher of History
Mr Pringle – Maths (joined in July)
Mr Smith – PE (Joined in July)
Priti Dube - Teaching Assistant
Jiaxin Zou - Teaching Assistant
Yuen Ha - Teaching Assistant
Surya Devota - Teaching Assistant

As previously informed, next year will see a change in some Heads of Year. Heads of Year will be as follows:

Year 7 - Mr Pringle
Year 8 - Mr Bryant
Year 9 - Miss Yakyha and Miss Sultana
Year 10 - Miss Avery
Year 11 - Miss Kelly
Year 12 - Mr Crockford
Year 13 - Mrs Hill and Mrs Garner

Assistant Head of Years are:

Year 7 – Miss Pepper

Year 8 – Mrs Strong

Year 9 – Mr Whoriskey

Year 10 – Mr Jones

Year 11 – Miss Longdon

Heads of House are as follows:

Bolt – Miss Teale

Roddick – Miss Butler

Wilde – Mr Bell

Yousafzai – Miss Borthwick

Durie – Mr Mackie

Attenborough – Miss Reynolds

During the summer holidays, as there may be an increase in your child's internet usage, please be mindful of their online activities. The internet offers a wealth of information and entertainment but also poses risks and it's important to keep an open dialog with your child about internet safety. Click on the image for further guidance and information.



Please be aware, there are a number of restaurants and café's offering free meals for kids during summer holidays, a full list can be found using the link below.

<https://www.heart.co.uk/lifestyle/full-list-restaurants-free-meals-kids-summer-holiday/?fbclid=IwAR0O9EsinP9uaNiUKWjyS7mj4bsuZnASwwusIN6UqhQOz0yzQJ2VI8DS1po>

And finally...

As we approach the summer break, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the entire school community a fabulous summer. After a year of hard work, memorable moments, achievements, successes and a lot of fun, it is time to enjoy the well-deserved break and spend some time together with family and friends.

I would like to wish Year 10, 11 and 13 all the very best when they come to collect their results in August. Students should take great pride at giving their best during the exam period, they all demonstrated dedication, strength and perseverance, and their resilience was truly astounding.

Also, farewell to the students who are leaving us for pastures new, we wish you the very best on the next steps of your journey.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gibson
Headteacher