



11 September 2023

Dear Parents/ Guardian

Welcome to Year 8

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 8 and to Maiden Erlegh School.

Last year was such an exciting time for the students joining Maiden Erlegh School. They had the opportunity to experience new subjects, extra-curricular clubs, sporting fixtures, house competitions, school trips and making new friendships. This year entails students deciding what their GCSE subjects will be for the start of the next year. Students and parents will be provided with lots of support and guidance throughout the year on this to allow. Throughout the process if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get into contact with the school.

It was a pleasure getting to know the students last year and I am excited to continue doing so and working alongside them through their time at Maiden Erlegh School.

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

Year 8 Tutor team

Head of Year: Mr S Bryant

Assistant Head of Year: Mrs S Strong

	Tutor
M1	Mr J Flynn and Mrs N Bright-Thomas
M2	Mr N Animashaun
M3	Mrs K Sales and Mrs E Diaz
M4	Mrs H Nottage and Mrs L Clements
M5	Mr J Smith
E1	Mrs G Cato
E2	Mr E Owino
E3	Mrs E Peduru
E4	Mrs J Ratcliffe

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.

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 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.

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. You can contact your child's tutor by emailing reception and asking them to forward onto your child's tutor. All staff (including myself) have a significant teaching timetable and we are committed to responding to you email or telephone messages within 2 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
Tuesday 14 November	Inset Day
Tuesday 6 February	Year 8 Options Evening
Wednesday 20 February	Year 8M Progress Meeting
Thursday 22 February	Year 8E Progress Meeting
Friday 23 February	Inset Day
Wednesday 3 July	Inset Day

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 S Bryant
Head of Year 8