



MAIDEN ERLEGH

SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Fantastic Start to the Year!

Following my welcome back letter, I wanted to write to you to celebrate and share the fantastic start we have had to the year at Maiden Erlegh School. The energy and enthusiasm from both students and staff have been truly inspiring and creates a wonderful positive atmosphere throughout the school. I have also been impressed and thankful for the warm welcome I have received from the entire school community and I look forward to building on this strong foundation as the year progresses.

During the first two INSET days for staff, at the beginning of September, we delivered a raft of training opportunities in areas such as health and safety, safeguarding, positive behaviour management strategies, high quality classroom practice, rewards and praise, and school culture and values. This training is essential to ensure that our staff are well equipped and ready for students return to school.

On the Wednesday we welcomed our students back to school, our new Year 7s in particular brought with them excitement and energy on their first day and have made a fabulous start as new members of #TeamMaidenErlegh. I had the pleasure of welcoming all students back from their summer breaks and introducing myself as their new Headteacher in a series of short assemblies on the first day.

As I walk around the school, finding my bearing on this huge site, I have been incredibly impressed with the number of students who have taken the time to introduce themselves to me and I thoroughly look forward to getting to know as many students as possible in the forthcoming weeks and months. As a parent myself, I understand the importance to creating a supportive and communicative environment, and my intention is to foster strong relationships where students feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and ideas.

I had the pleasure of meeting many parents and guardians at the recent information evenings and was pleased to see such a strong turnout. Thank you to everyone who attended these successful and informative evenings. I look forward to seeing more of you at upcoming evenings.

The vast majority of students have made a really positive start to the academic year. However, we have had to remind a small number of students about uniform and punctuality over the last few days. I ask for your support in ensuring your child arrives at the school gates no later than 8:25am to allow them to get to registration by 8:30am and that they are appropriately attired. If you need any clarification in regard to school uniform, please visit the following link: [Maiden Erlegh School - School Uniform and Equipment](#).

Students have been made aware of several clubs and extra-curricular opportunities in assemblies, these can also be found on our website [here](#). I would encourage all students to try



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at least one club/activity each term. Maiden Erlegh School is not only about fantastic academic results, but also focussed on providing as many opportunities to students to support them in developing into well rounded, confident young people who leave us with the skills and personal attributes to be successful in the wider world.

From Monday 30 September, to ensure the safety of our students, the main gate used for vehicle access will be closed daily from 3pm to 3.07pm. This is to prevent any health and safety risks as students leave the school premises. During this time, vehicles, including taxis, will not be permitted to enter or exit the school site. Taxis will arrive before 3pm and depart after the gates reopen at 3.07pm. Where possible we encourage students to walk or cycle to school to avoid heavy traffic around the school and local community. However, can I remind parents that electric bikes and scooters are not permitted on site at any time. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe.

Finally, I would like to remind you that our term dates are available on our website [here](#). Please note that there is an additional day added to the autumn half term, Monday 4 November, followed by a staff training day on Tuesday 5 November where the school is also closed to students. As a result, students are expected to return to school on Wednesday 6 November.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Jump
Headteacher

