



12 September 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome Back and Fabulous Start to the Term

What a fabulous start to the term. Staff returned, on Monday 1 September, for the first of two valuable days of Continuous Professional Development, during which we delivered a wide range of training sessions covering health and safety, safeguarding, positive behaviour management strategies, rewards and recognition, and our school *values – Integrity, Tolerance, Aspiration, Respect, Kindness and Perseverance*.

On Wednesday last week, I had the privilege of welcoming all students back from their summer break through a series of short assemblies. In addition to greeting our returning students, it was a particular pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 and Year 12 students. Our staff have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure the start of term is as smooth and positive as possible, and we remain fully committed to supporting every student in settling quickly. Miss Avery, our new Head of Year 7, together with Mrs Gibson (*née Borthwick*) and Miss Birch, our new Co-Heads of Year 12, are especially delighted to be welcoming their year groups. If you have any concerns, or if there is anything from the summer break you would like us to be aware of, please do get in touch. We are here to work in partnership with you to support your child throughout their time at Maiden Erlegh School and I wish them every success as they begin their educational journey with us.

Students started their first day with their tutors, where they received timetables and were updated on changes that have taken place over the summer. Lessons began promptly after break at 11:25am, and it has been wonderful to see students settling quickly into routines.

Our school day can be found below, and students will be expected to be outside at break unless it is deemed to be a wet break, so please support us by ensuring your child is well equipped for the weather each day.

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	2	1.00pm-1.30pm
	1.30pm-2.00pm	3	1.30pm-2.00pm
Lesson 5	2.00pm - 3.00pm		



I am pleased to report that the vast majority of students have arrived punctually, are wearing their uniforms smartly, and are well prepared for their lessons. I am confident that the high standards we have seen in these first few days will continue throughout the academic year. It has also been a privilege to visit so many lessons during the past week and to witness the high levels of focus, enthusiasm and engagement in our classrooms. We are very fortunate to have such committed staff and motivated students, and I am proud of the positive learning community we share.

Your continued support makes a huge difference. Please ensure that your child(ren) arrive at the school gate no later than 8:25am, ready for registration at 8:30am, and that they are appropriately attired. Guidance on school uniform and equipment can be found on the school website: [Home > Parents > School Uniform and Equipment](#). We understand that some families may currently be facing financial difficulties. If this applies to you, or if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, please reach out to the relevant Head of Year so that we can explore what additional support may be available.

We have also introduced our new mobile phone policy, which students have responded to with maturity and understanding. While we are following the Department for Education's guidance, we have not taken the same approach as some schools that have chosen to ban mobile phones from school site entirely. Instead, our policy focuses on ensuring that phones do not disrupt learning or social interactions during the school day.

Mobile Telephones - Students in Years 7 to 11 may bring mobile telephones into school, however, unless given explicit permission to use their telephone during the school day, they should be switched off before students come through the school gate and remain in bags until they leave the school at the end of the day. In the Sixth Form, students may use their telephones in the Sixth Form Centre only. If a mobile phone is seen, it will be removed from the student(s) in the first instance and handed to reception. An email will be sent home to parents to inform them. Students will be able to collect their own phone at the end of the day, at 3.10pm. Should this happen again, the mobile phone will be removed, and the phone will need to be collected by the parent/carer. If a student refuses to hand over their mobile phone or is defiant towards a member of staff, they will be placed into an alternative learning provision until the phone is handed over. The student will be able to return to their scheduled lessons as soon as this happens. Further refusal will be dealt with in line with our Behaviour Policy (Levels 3 or Level 4).

Full details of this can be found within our Behaviour Policy on the school website: [Home > About Us > Key Policies](#)

This year, once again, we are offering a wide range of enrichment opportunities, extracurricular activities and house events. I encourage all students to take part, as these experiences both enhance school life and strengthen our community.



Term dates are included below and can also be accessed via our school website for your reference.

Autumn Term
3 September - 21 October 2025 3 November - 19 December 2025
Spring Term
5 January - 13 February 2026 23 February – 27 March 2026
Summer Term
13 April - 22 May 2026 1 June - 22 July 2026
Professional Development days (school closed to students)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 September 2025• 2 September 2025• 22 October 2025• 27 February 2026• 3 July 2026

Finally, I would like to congratulate all of our students who received their examination results over the summer. Once again, we were delighted with an excellent set of GCSE, A Level and vocational outcomes. These results reflect not only the hard work of our students, but also the dedication of our staff and the support of families. Together, we can be very proud of these achievements.

I very much look forward to the year ahead and all that we will achieve together.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Jump
Headteacher

