



11 September 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome Back Letter 2026

I hope you and your family have had a wonderful summer break. I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all as we begin a new academic year. It has been lovely to see students return with such enthusiasm and a readiness to learn.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Year 7 cohort who have made a really positive impression during their first few days with us. They have approached the transition to secondary school with confidence, and we are delighted to have them as part of our school community. I would also like to welcome our new Year 12 students as they begin the next stage of their educational journey with us.

I am pleased to share that the vast majority of students arrived punctually, wearing their correct uniform, and were well prepared for their lessons. Guidance on our uniform policy can be found on the school website: [Maiden Erlegh School - School Uniform and Equipment](#), and I would remind you to refer to this when buying new uniform, and in particular when buying new shoes.

Results

I am proud to announce that our students have achieved excellent results at both KS4 and KS5. Congratulations to all of these students, and a huge thank you to all colleagues for supporting our Year 10, 11 and 13 students last year.

GCSE

Our GCSE students excelled themselves to achieve these brilliant results:

88% of students achieved 5 grade 4's and above

84% of students achieved 5 grade 4's and above including English and Maths

74% of students achieved 5 grade 5's including English and Maths

An average grade of 6



Year 10 Religion and Philosophy – 83% of grades were 5+, and an incredible 66% of grades were 7+. These results are a fantastic start for the Year 10 cohort on their GCSE journey.

A Level

Our KS5 students were rewarded for their incredible efforts with the following results:

32.8% of grades were A*/A

58.9% of grades were A*-B

76.3% of grades were A*-C

96.5% of grades were A*-E

Average grade B-

Mobile Phones

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the new mobile phone policy communicated with you on the 17 July, will come into effect as of Monday 14 September. As you are aware, pouches will be issued in the coming weeks, but in the interim phones must be switched off and placed in school bags. This week, during assemblies, we have reminded students of the two staged approach to sanctions that will incur when they have been seen with their mobile phones. Next week, the sanctions will be implemented. To support your understanding, we have put together this poster which will also be posted in all student year group Google Classrooms: [Mobile Phone Poster](#).

Travelling to and from school

As we welcome students back to school, I would like to remind everyone about the importance of staying safe when travelling to and from school, particularly as the evenings begin to draw in. Students who cycle are encouraged to wear a helmet and bright/reflective clothing to make them more visible to other road users. Please note that e-scooters and bikes must not be brought onto or used on the school site. Students who walk, are advised to travel in small groups where possible and to use well-lit paths.

Site Developments

Over the summer, our Site Team have worked tirelessly to improve the school environment for everyone. Over £300,000 has been spent on new developments and refurbishments. The Sixth Form block has been transformed into a professional space, with new seating and soundproofing. Three science labs have been renovated as well as a technician prep room. The drama studio has been upgraded and will be furnished with new lighting, sound and seating during the October half term. Several corridors and stairwells have been refurbished, along with the M block student toilets.



Following the successful launch of our hair and beauty offer last year, a new salon has been developed, further expanding the range of qualifications and opportunities available to students at MES. Please find below a selection of pictures showcasing some of these new developments.



Finally, I am very proud of how our students have approached our first week with enthusiasm and a positive attitude to learning. I would like to thank all of our staff for their hard work and dedication, and our parents and guardians for your ongoing support.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Jump'.

Mr S Jump
Headteacher

