



8 September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back to Year 8 at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading!

The 2020-2021 academic year has been particularly challenging with interruption to the students' start at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading. However, students worked hard to settle themselves into their new surroundings and thrive in their new learning environment. Many challenges were faced head on and students made good progress by the end of the year.

Uniform

School blazers are compulsory items. These may be removed during lessons with permission from the teacher. The PE changing rooms are now open, please ensure your child wears full school uniform every day as they will be able to change for PE lessons. All students must use the school lockers, the annual hire charge can be paid [here](#).

This year I want to continue to build on the great work started by students and continue to progress them both academically and pastorally. The theme for year 8 this year will be 'Moving Forward' and I have set three targets for the year group to focus on for this academic year tailored to their needs:

- To ensure all students are well informed to make the best choices for their GCSE options;
- To improve students' behaviour in unstructured times (break time, lunch time and in the corridors) following the school behaviour policy: Ready, Safe, Respectful;
- To develop the student's maturity and independence.

One main focus for the year 8 students will be for them to choose the GCSE subjects they wish to study. We will be doing work throughout the year to prepare them to make this decision.

I look forward to celebrating students' success throughout the year and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Bandy
Head of Year 8