



8 September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back to Year 9 at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading!

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer and have been able to recuperate and recharge ready for the year ahead.

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](#).

Year 9 is the first year out of three of the GCSE courses. When thinking of the GCSE journey, it is worth remembering that it is exactly that – a journey. With everyone playing their part, the journey becomes easier and less arduous and at the end we can look back and celebrate.

With that being said my key message is about ‘responsibility’:

Students

Take ownership and be responsible for your learning – this means ensuring you are organised and ready to learn (equipment, uniform, homework), ensuring your punctuality to lesson and taking responsibility for your behaviour in and out of lessons. Be the best version of you!

Parents

To support the school, please assist your child to be prepared ensuring they have the correct uniform and equipment, they arrive to school on time and please communicate with the school when necessary. You can also support by asking them how their day has been or what they have learnt, and encourage them to take responsibility for extra things they may not have done last year – for example – getting their school uniform ready.

School

We are here to support every step of the way. The GCSE journey for students is rarely smooth and hiccup-free. Tutors are here in the first instance to support with any pastoral concerns as are subject teachers for subject concerns (please contact the school office to speak to a member of staff). Naturally we will ensure that any concerns we have with a student’s progress is communicated to you as early as possible, so that support can be implemented. Most importantly – celebrate the successes on the way. Whether that is a great assessment result, achieving house points or a teacher commenting on something positive – let’s celebrate it.

This year group has everything needed to be hugely successful, not just academically but as people. As a team – students, parents and school – we can ensure that this, and the subsequent two years, will be thoroughly enjoyable and hugely successful.

Thank you for your support and I will see you all on year 9 information evening on 13 October
(more details to be released nearer the time.)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J RABIN.' The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial 'J' and the name 'RABIN.' written in a cursive style.

Mr J Rabin
Head of Year 9