



20 July 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

## End of summer term 2022

Time has flown by, and we have reached the end of another school year.

I am so proud of our school community and what has been achieved since September. We were determined to re-establish a normal year after the disruptions of COVID and, by and large, that is exactly what we have done. Staff have been free to move around classrooms and offer the support our students need. As a result, there has been powerful learning in lessons and we have seen some tremendous academic success, we have also revived our extra-curricular programme and ensured that our students have had a wide range of opportunities to enrich their lives to support their own personal development. This is all good news and I invite you to read more about the life of the school in our half termly newsletter The Pulse which you [can find here](#).

## Last day of term

Thursday 21 July is our last day of term. Students will spend the morning in a mix of lessons and time with their tutor, before we have our final whole school assembly. This will provide the opportunity for awarding whole school prizes and celebrating the successes of the year. Students will then return to their tutor rooms and will be dismissed from school at around 12.10pm.

## New school year

The new school term begins with two staff training and preparation days (1-2 September). School opens to students on Monday 5 September. To enable us to support the new year 7 students, we will have a staggered start to the day:

- Year 7: students to be in school to begin at **8.40am**
- Year 8-11: students to be in school to begin at **10.15am**

The first day of term will begin with a focus on restart messages, orientation, and administration (e.g., distribution of new timetables) with formal lessons commencing from period 4. Please remember that the school day has a consistent start and finish time of **8.40am – 3.10pm**.

You may also remember that our school uniform has been simplified to reduce the costs of uniform for families and promote equality. The new uniform requirements can be found on [website here](#)

Summer is also a good time to ensure that students have their tools and equipment for learning.

## **Farewell from me**

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to you all for your support during my time as headteacher. I am excited about the future for the school under the leadership of Mr Graham and the wider leadership team; I know that the team are brimming with ideas to improve further what we do. Thankfully (at least from my point of view!) I am not going far. As Director of Education across the Maiden Erlegh family of schools, I am looking forward to being able to continue to support the school, albeit in a different way and I certainly do not intend to be a stranger.

I remain of the opinion that working in education continues to be a fantastic thing to do with your life. Daily, having a positive impact on the growth and development of children and students is a true privilege. That's not to say it is not tough at times, but the rewards are very real and plentiful. My wonderful staff work so hard to ensure that every young person in our care thrives and is given every support to learn and progress in life. Without every member of every team in the school it just would not work. But it does work, and it is because of their passion and commitment.

Whatever your plans, I wish you well for the summer break. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher