

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back to the new academic year 2023-2024; we hope you had a lovely break and are now starting to think about returning to school.

Please take some time to read through this letter as it goes through important information you will need to know.

The new school term begins on Tuesday 5 September 2023 for Year 7 and Wednesday 6 September 2023 for Years 8-11. 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 3.

Tuesday 5 September 2023, Year 7 will go straight into the Sports Hall for an assembly with Mr Carpenter, Head of Year 7.

Wednesday 6 September 2023, Year 8 will go straight into the Sports Hall on arrival for an assembly with Miss Ryan, Head of Year 8. Years 7,9,10,11 will go to their **new** tutor rooms, please see rooms below.

HOY	Room		HOY	Room
7G1	116		8G1	202
7G2	201		8G2	112
7P1	108		8P1	106
7P2	211		8P2	113
7T1	218		8T1	103
7T2	117		8T2	207

9G1	114		10G1	206
9G2	204		10G2	216
9P1	118		10P1	215
9P2	119		10P2	212
9T1	105		10T1	203
9T2	213		10T2	217

11G1	107
11G2	205
11P1	241
11P2	123
11T1	208
11T2	235

From September 2023, students should attend school in full school uniform every day. High expectations of uniform are of extreme importance, and we find that students who wear the school uniform properly have a sense of pride and feel very much part of the school community at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading.

High Expectations of equipment are also paramount, and students should be properly equipped for learning. If you are equipped, you are ready to learn and engage with lessons. As part of the R2L (Ready to Learn) initiative, we encourage students to remember that a student who 'PREPARES' is a student who will succeed.

If you need a reminder of our uniform and equipment expectations, please see the letter from our Head Boy and Head Girl [here](#)

If you have any issues with purchasing uniform ready for the start of term please email the office on meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org and your child's Head of Year will be in touch.

Attendance Matters

As we start the school year, we would like to remind you of the importance of good attendance for all students. Every day a student is absent is a lost opportunity for learning. Too many absences not only can affect achievement for the absent student but also can disrupt learning for the entire class.

The first week back is key for many reasons; you learn all about the year coming up; you meet all your new teachers, and you settle into the routines and expectations of school. Research also shows that attendance in the first week has a clear link to students' attendance across the year. Those who had poor attendance in the first week went on to have poor attendance across the year and thus this significantly impacts students' achievement and wellbeing.

We are looking forward to working with you over the next academic year.

Yours sincerely



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