



Friday 16 May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### MER “Heads Up” News

#### Matilda Production

The only possible way that I can start this letter surely is congratulations to the Performing Arts faculty for the fantastic performance of Matilda last week. The hall was packed out and the show was incredible! All of our students put their heart and soul into their part – and I know many of them will have stepped well outside of their comfort zone to take part in this. MER are so proud of each and every student who was involved, whether it was acting, chorus or backstage, well done and thank you! Thanks must also go to Mr Butchers and Miss Z-M for masterminding the production, with the help of Miss Venables-Perrett – not to mention the incredible staging and props which were put together by Mrs Godfrey. Thanks need to also go to many others who helped behind the scenes creating the promotional material, sorting cover for Mr Butchers and Miss Z-M for rehearsal days, the finances and communications – it was a real team effort!



#### Y10 Boys Handball Final

In other news, earlier this week our Year 10 Boys Handball team had a trip down to Bournemouth to take part in the Regional Handball Finals! The team missed reaching the semi-finals by 1 point! Ultimately finishing in a very credible 5<sup>th</sup> place. This is first time our students have qualified for the regional Handball finals, and we are all very proud of their achievement. Thank you to Mr Blakeway and Mrs Roberts for giving them this opportunity.



## Exams

We have had a full week now of external exams which has seen the year 11 students able to tick off paper 1 in many core subjects. They are doing really well and we are very proud of the resilience and commitment that they are showing – a few more weeks and they can enjoy the long summer ahead of them.

## Breakfast Club

Don't forget our free Breakfast Club trial – we are so excited to be able to offer this to all students – and we hope to see our numbers build as we go through the summer term. For more information about our this, [please click here](#). We hope that this initiative will provide our students with the fuel and energy they need to make a strong start to their day.

## New After School Detention Process – starting after May half-term

Mrs Harvey, Assistant Headteacher (Behaviour & Culture) has updated our after-school Detention process to ensure detention consequences are proportionate, timely and purposeful – this means we will be changing to same day detentions. [Please see her letter here](#) for detailed information about this change.

## Summer Uniform

After half term students will be allowed to wear summer uniform to school. This means blazers and ties will become optional. For further information, [please see this letter here](#).

Wishing you all a wonderful sunny weekend.

Best wishes



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