



Friday 5 September 2025

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome from the Headteacher

As the first week of a new academic year draws to a close, I am writing both to extend a warm welcome to our new Year 7 families, to welcome back to school everyone in Years 8 -11, and to introduce myself as the new Headteacher. It is a privilege to have been appointed to this role, and I am committed to building on the school's many strengths as we move forward together.

Whilst it's been a short week for most students, staff have been busy at work and preparing for the year ahead since Monday. I was delighted to welcome Year 7 to the school on Wednesday and the rest of the school on Thursday.



I have been greatly impressed by the manner in which students have approached their start to the school year. Their conduct, attitude to learning, and sense of purpose reflect the high standards we expect at MER and the strong values which underpin our school community. Students have demonstrated their pride in being part of our team. This is evident in how smart they are in their uniform and in their determination to be the best version of themselves. Such qualities provide strong foundations for the pursuit of excellence, both academically and personally. Ambition, pride, excellence and building a legacy together were themes I spoke to all students about when I addressed them on their first day. Students were also reminded of the importance of having great



attendance to school, and the impact of absence on their learning, progress, and, ultimately, their achievement. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

As always, at the start of the year/term, there is a lot of information to share. Students should be aware that Breakfast Club will be starting from Monday 8 September. If students wish to attend this, they must arrive between 8-8.15am, and no later.

Please find links below to some other important information:

- **Heads of Year letters**
[Click here for the Year 7 Welcome Letter](#) and [click here for the Year 7 Phone Letter](#) (these were sent as attachments on Tuesday)
[Click here for the Year 8 Welcome Letter](#)
[Click here for the Year 9 Welcome Letter](#)
[Click here for the Year 10 Welcome Letter](#)
[Click here for the Year 11 Welcome Letter](#)
- **Attendance Information**
[Click here for an attendance letter from Mr Hood](#)
- **Locker Letter (Years 7-10 only)**
[Click here for information on lockers](#)

Some key dates to be aware of for the coming weeks:

- Tuesday 23 September - early dismissal at 2.10pm for all students, to help staff prepare for our Open Evening
- Wednesday 24 September - students arrive at school at 9.30am for 9.40am start to Tutor Time. Normal lessons will start period 2
- Wednesday 17 December – Student Progress Day (more detail about that to follow)

I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with you in the months and years ahead, and to meeting many of you at events in school across the academic year. Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Yours sincerely,



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