



02 October 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to Year 8

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Y8. As we are now halfway through term 1, I have been very impressed to see the majority of students settled and working hard after such a long period out of the school environment.

I would also like to introduce the tutor team, who remain the same from Y7 and who will be your main contact regarding your child at school. I would also like to set out some of the key dates and expectations for the coming year.

Tutor Group	Tutor
8A	Mr S Burningham s.burningham@maidenerleghtrust.org
8B	Miss E Swayne e.swayne@maidenerleghtrust.org
8C	Mr D Hunter d.hunter@maidenerleghtrust.org

Key contact	Role
Ms C Biddiss c.biddiss@maidenerleghtrust.org	Head of Year

Uniform

I would particularly welcome your support in ensuring that your child is dressed according to the uniform policy. Your help in ensuring that nail polish is removed, make up is minimal and that students are wearing their uniform in accordance with the specified policy (eg: skirts either on or just above the knee) is very much appreciated and ensures that we can concentrate on their learning, rather than what they are wearing. If there are financial concerns that are preventing this, then please contact me.

Contacting the School

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents how to contact the school. All members of staff can be contacted via the main school office email or switchboard number. If your query relates to a particular subject e.g. Maths, then your questions should be directed to your child's Maths teacher or to the Maths department. If you have a pastoral issue, then please contact your child's tutor in the first instance who will be happy to help and assist you in your query. You can contact your child's tutor by emailing reception and asking them to forward onto your child's tutor, or email them at their address above. All of the staff (including myself) have a significant teaching timetable and we are committed to responding to your email or telephone messages within 72 hours – not including holidays and weekends. Unfortunately, we are unable to meet with parents who come straight to reception without an appointment. We are also encouraging 'face to face' parent meetings via Zoom wherever possible, in order to minimise the number of people on site.

Remote Learning

In the unfortunate event of another Lockdown, your child will need to have access to Google Classroom. Could you please ensure that they have accepted the invites into their classes, and/or have checked the relevant class code so that they can join the class. These are available from class teachers and via SMHW.

If you do not have access to the internet at home, please contact me directly so that we can support in facilitating this.

Key Dates

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the following key dates and further information regarding these will follow shortly:

Date	Event
06/10/20	Virtual Open Evening – early close 2.10
04/11/20	Y8 parents' eve (details tbc)
11/11/20	Parent forum
16/11/20	CPD day – school closed
17/11/20	Data Collection Point – info to parents

This list is not exhaustive and further dates will follow.

Thank you in advance for your support this coming year and if you have any questions or concerns then don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



Ms C Biddiss
Head of Year 8