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SUCCESSFUL
PERSONALISED
PASSIONATE
SUPPORTIVE
COMMUNITY SPIRITED
COMPETITIVE
CELEBRATORY

Dear Parent/Carer,

A huge welcome back to our students and a special welcome to those joining us in Y9 and Y12. A warm welcome to our new Assistant Head, Mrs Andrews and Mr Crisford, our new Head of 6th Form, together with all our new staff.

We start the term with good news. We are very pleased with our A level results which show a significant improvement in value added (progress) with an average increase of one whole grade for each A level entry, compared to last year. At GCSE, internal analysis indicates a positive Progress 8 measure, the new score used by the government to assess progress in students' best 8 subjects. Our trend is one of improvement and our aim this year is to continue this trend in making significant gains for all our students.

As we start the new school year, it is a good opportunity to share our vision with you: that students at Meridian develop into happy, successful young adults who are well equipped to contribute meaningfully to life in the 21st century.

This year, we will be focusing on three key values that will enable staff and students to ensure we work towards our vision:

Successful students because we will focus wholly on closing progress and attainment gaps through our teaching, learning and assessment;

Passionate students because we will help our students develop and discover passion in extracurricular activities and in lessons and to understand the importance of making maximum effort in order to be as successful in learning as possible;

Supported and supportive students who will have access to a wide variety of help within school and who will have opportunities to develop personal skills through volunteering in the community, helping other students as subject ambassadors and through peer mentoring.



In order to deliver our vision and values, we will continue to work with you as key partners in your children's education. We look forward to your support during the coming year as we aim to prepare your children to be valuable citizens in our local and global community.

Yours faithfully



Miss Kim Horner
Headteacher (Acting)

Key dates for Term 1

Please see below some key dates in Term 1 which I would like to make you aware of; I would strongly encourage you to attend if your child is in the year group indicated. I would particularly like to draw your attention to the new E-Safety information session on 20 October.

Date	Year	Event
15/9/2016	13	HE Evening & Student Finance - 6.30pm
23/9/2016	Y9 and Y10	School Photos
27/9/2016	All Years	Open Evening 6.30 - 8.30pm (school will close at 2pm) <i>Existing students will be asked to participate</i>
03/10/2016	Y9 and Y12	Meet the Tutor Evening 4.30 - 7.30pm
04/10/2016	Y10	Parents Information Evening, 6.30pm
11/10/2016	Y11 Y12 and Y13	Year 11 6th Form Taster Day Reading Day
12/10/2016	Y11 Y12 and Y13	Year 11 6th Form Taster day + 6th Form Open Evening Reading Day
17/10/2016	Y13	Parent Consultation Evening 5.00 - 7.00pm
20/10/2016	All years	E Safety Parent Information Evening - How to keep your child safe online and on social media - 7.00 - 7.45pm
10/11/2016	Y11	Parent Consultation evening 5.00 - 7.00pm
24 - 26/11/2016	All years	Grease Musical
01/12/2016		Training Day - School is closed
02/12/2016		Occasional Day - School is closed
04/12/2016		Christmas Fayre 10.00am - 2.00pm
11/12/2016	Y11	Parent Information Evening 7.00 - 7.45pm
19/12/2016	2016 GCSE & A Level students	Presentation Evening 7 - 9pm
20/12/2016	All years	Carol Service, Parish Church, 7.00pm

