



11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year 2019-20 and a particularly warm welcome to Year 7 parents and carers. We are very much looking forward to getting to know you at the various upcoming events (see attached sheet). We also welcome a number of new staff; we have recruited well and have a full complement of highly qualified teaching and support staff. For your convenience, I have also attached the term dates for the year ahead; please do ensure holidays do not take place in term time. Anything other than good attendance has a negative impact on learning, on students' confidence and on GCSE outcomes. Students obviously need to be in school to learn most effectively.

We were delighted with the GCSE results in August when so many students met or exceeded their target grades; testament to the hard work of students and staff. We congratulate them and thank parents/carers for their support too. The new GCSEs are more challenging and students need support at home as well as in school, with their organisation and motivation. You will see from the attached list that we are putting on a number of events focussing on how parents can help their child to succeed. Good learning and attendance habits need to be established as soon as possible to give students the best life-long chances.

This term we have launched our new mantra: **Be kind; work hard; look smart**. These three phrases underpin all that we do at Maidenhill, where we want students to be happy and successful at school and take a pride in doing their personal best.

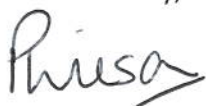
You may also be aware that we are having a drive on lateness to school. It is really important that students develop good habits and being "only a few minutes late" or saying, "my alarm didn't go off" are not acceptable, similarly "the traffic was bad" will not be accepted as a valid excuse. I would be grateful if parents/carers could ensure that students are in school **well before the 8.40am bell**. By 8.45am, students need to be in assembly or their tutor group or they will incur an immediate lunchtime detention that day. Please note that the front car park is not for general use, even if you are running late: this is exclusively for use by school taxis transporting SEND students. All other students must arrive and leave by the student gates.

In the interests of all students' safety, parents/carers should not park on pavements, on the mini-roundabout or too close to the student exit. We need to ensure all students have good visibility when crossing the roads. When the bell goes at 3pm, there is a surge of students eager to get to buses, meet with parents/carers and friends. It would be most helpful if parents/carers could park a little way from school. A bit of exercise and some fresh air at the end of the day is good for students!

Our Open Events for Year 6 and Year 5 students start with the Open Evening on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm. Please do share the date with your friends and family. The full details of our open events are on our website: [www.maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk).

We are very much looking forward to another exciting year ahead at Maidenhill. As always, we ask that you inform us of anything that may help us to support your son/daughter more effectively and please do let us know if your son/daughter has done something special outside school. We would love to celebrate with you. Increasingly, we are using Twitter to keep parents updated; this is in addition to text and email. Why not follow us, @maidenhillsch.?

Yours sincerely,



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<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					<b>OCTOBER</b>					<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
Mon	<u>2</u>	9	16	23	30	Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	4	11	18	25	
Tues	3	10	17	24		Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues	5	12	19	26
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	6	13	20	27
Thur	5	12	19	26		Thur	3	10	17	24	31	Thur	7	14	21	28
Fri	6	13	20	<u>27</u>		Fri	4	11	18	25	Fri	1	8	15	<u>22</u>	<u>29</u>
Sat	7	14	21	28		Sat	5	12	19	26	Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	6	13	20	27	Sun	3	10	17	24	
<b>DECEMBER</b>					<b>JANUARY</b>					<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	
Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues	7	14	21	28	Tues	4	11	18	25	
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<b>MARCH</b>					<b>APRIL</b>					<b>MAY</b>						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	4	11	18	25	
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<b>JUNE</b>					<b>JULY</b>					<b>AUGUST</b>						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	<u>20</u>	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	31
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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		Inset Day	

Christmas Bank Holidays:	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
New Year Bank Holiday	1st January 2020
Good Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Easter Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Early May Bank Holiday	8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Spring Bank Holiday	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Summer Bank Holiday	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020

- Term 1**  
Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019 (Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept and Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Sept INSET)
- Term 2**  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 (Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov INSET)
- Term 3**  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan - Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020
- Term 4**  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020
- Term 5**  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020
- Term 6**  
Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June - Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June and Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July INSET)



## Maidenhill School - Dates for the Diary

### TERM 1

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 & Year 9 Photographs
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 Parents' Information Evening, 6.30pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Evening, 6.30pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Morning, 9.15am
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Morning, 9.15am
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 11 Theatre Trip (Blood Brothers), 5pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 7 (Doverow and Frocester) Dean Fields Study Centre Trip
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Workshop (Sex and Relationships in the Digital World), 6-7pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 7 (Haresfield and Rodborough) Dean Fields Study Centre Trip
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Getting the Most out of Independent Study, 6-7pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Guiding your Son to Success, 6-7pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	End of Term 1

### TERM 2

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Helping your Child to Succeed in Maths (even if you found it hard!) 6-7pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7 Tutor Evening, 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Parents' Information Evening/Post 16 Evening, 6.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Awards Evening for Ex-Year 11 students, 7pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert, 7pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term 2