

July 2019

Dear parent/carer,

I am absolutely delighted and proud to be Merrill Academy's new head teacher from September 2019. Bringing significant experience as a senior leader, I am totally committed to creating a positive learning environment here for students and staff so that success is achieved by all. Choice is something children should have in their journey through life and I want every one of our students to experience this at the end of year 11, as you would too.

I am passionate about Merrill being a happy place where students are safe, respectful and responsible. I also have high expectations and standards regarding attendance, punctuality, behaviour and uniform. Your support with this would be much appreciated.

There are a few changes for September and some reminders that you need to know about.

- **Monday 9th September** will be the first day of term for **Year 7** and **Year 10** only
Tuesday 10th September will be the first day of term for **Years 8, 9** and **11**
- All students will have a new tutor in September who will be an important contact for you.
- All students need to arrive dressed smartly in school uniform, in accordance with the current policy; blazer, tie, white shirt tucked in, black school trousers or skirt, black school shoes. Please contact the academy if you need help with this.
- New Year 7 should arrive in the blazer **with school logo** and tie they have been provided with, by the academy. (Help will be available on the first day if you have had problems)

The school day from September will be

8.55- 9.20	Lesson 1
9.20- 10.20	Lesson 2
10.20 – 10.35	BREAK
10.35 – 11.35	Lesson 3
11.35 – 12.35	Lesson 4
12.35 – 1.10	LUNCH
1.10 – 2.10	Lesson 5
2.10 – 3.10	Lesson 6

Early in the autumn term there will be a series of welcome events here at Merrill and in the community where you will be able to find out more about what I will be doing to drive rapid and significant improvement at the academy. Wishing you an enjoyable summer break

Yours faithfully

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