

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have had a great week here at MCA. We are proud to have opened our TFTF Strive centre and our students have produced some wonderful work as a result. Thank you to the TFTF Team and all of the teaching staff for making such a great start.

On Thursday evening, we welcomed droves of year 11 families to the parents information evening where we shared lots of information in preparation for the year ahead. Parents, please strike while the iron's hot and encourage your child to complete homework and revision this weekend, remember - every second counts!

Key Information

A reminder to parents that jewellery should not be worn in school. We are seeing a number of children wearing necklaces over their uniform and bracelets. These items are not allowed. Children will be asked to remove them and an entry will be made on classcharts. If they are seen again, the next entry will result in a correction. This also applies to hooped earrings of any size, only small stud earrings are allowed and facial piercings are not allowed at all. If a student has a facial piercing, they will be asked to remove it and this will be recorded. If they are unable to remove it without your help, this should be done overnight, before they return to school. If they still have the piercing the next day, this will be recorded as a correction.

Year 11 - Strong Start

Year 11 students have made a fantastic start to the year, and we are incredibly proud of the positive culture, standards and commitment they have shown. Uniform standards have been high, with the vast majority of students taking real pride in their professional appearance. As a reminder, students are expected to wear their tie correctly, shirts tucked in, with either a jumper or blazer, and **school shoes only**.

This week, staff were also asked to nominate Year 11 students who have made a particularly strong start to their learning, arriving to lessons on time and working hard. It was a real joy to receive over 25 nominations from across the year group, with an overall winner selected during our Culture and Standards Assembly on Wednesday. We are incredibly proud of the whole cohort and hope that the strong start they have made continues, building momentum and enabling Year 11 to reap the rewards of what we hope will be our strongest results yet.

Year 10

Year 10 students have made a fantastic start to the academic year, and we have been really pleased with the commitment, enthusiasm and maturity they have demonstrated. They have embraced the start of their chosen option subjects with great enthusiasm, showing a positive attitude towards the new challenges and opportunities that these subjects bring. It has also been wonderful to see students taking increasing pride and professionalism in their approach to school and their learning.

As they continue to settle into the expectations of Year 10, we encourage all students to ensure they arrive each day fully equipped and ready to learn, making the most of every opportunity presented to them. Students should also continue to take pride in their uniform and personal appearance, recognising the importance of presenting themselves in a smart and professional manner. We are incredibly proud of the positive start Year 10 have made and look forward to seeing them continue to grow in confidence, independence and ambition throughout the year.

Year 7 – A Great Week

Year 7 have had a fantastic week and are continuing to settle into their new routines really well. Students are getting into good habits, particularly with transitions up to the main building for Science and lunchtime. It has been lovely to see them becoming more confident and independent around school. This week, some of our students have also enjoyed making pizzas in Food Technology – and they certainly smelt delicious!

A reminder that students are responsible for looking after their own belongings and ensuring they have all the equipment they need for each day. Please continue to support your child by checking their timetable with them and encouraging them to be organised, prepared and on time for lessons.

Well done, Year 7 – keep it up! We are really proud of how well you are settling in.

Coming Up

The school immunisation service will be with us on Wednesday 30th September offering flu vaccinations. Please respond to the consent email or text you receive from Intra Health as soon as possible. The free Flu vaccines are available for all year groups and are a great way to protect your family from the flu virus this winter.

Online Harm

I wanted to take this opportunity to bring to your attention an emerging form of online harm.

764 is an online network that targets children and teenagers, grooming and blackmailing them into committing self harm, animal abuse and acts of violence

The 764 network operates by looking for young people on social media, gaming apps and mental health or self help forums. Adults trick victims into sharing private pictures or personal information. They then use these photos to threaten the child, forcing them to hurt themselves, abuse animals or target other children on live streams.

Please be vigilant to your child's online activities and if you have any concerns please contact the police on 101.

More information on how to help keep your child safe online can be found [here](#).

[Keeping Children Safe Online | NSPCC](#)

Brew with the Headteacher



Last week, we hosted our first "Friday Brew with the Headteacher"—a new weekly tradition celebrating students who consistently demonstrate our school values and show outstanding dedication. Heads of Year nominate one student per year group each week to receive this recognition.

Congratulations to our very first awardees of the year:

- **Arthur** (Year 8)
- **Ralph** (Year 9)
- **Radya** (Year 10)
- **Darcy** (Year 11)

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Kind regards

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