

24 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of a busy and fruitful academic year at Medina College, I am pleased to have met so many of the parent community over the past two terms at different events. The journey of leading the school that is going through changes has been made easier with the expertise and support from the staff team who are incredibly dedicated. I am really proud of the student community who have adapted to these changes and continued to make the school a great place to be. There have been a number of highlights this year ranging from the students who represented the school at the national Global Underwater Hub finals in Scotland to the team who won the Island Debating competition. There have been an extensive number of trips and visits be that locally, nationally and internationally over the past year. Our students were exceptional when playing at the Isle of Wight Festival and have raised funds for various charities. These events represent just a few of the ways in which our student community involves itself in the wider world.

There are a number of staffing changes in the leadership team for September, with Mrs Pitman and Mr Murdoch appointed as Associate Assistant Headteachers. Mrs Pitman will lead on the school's approach to teaching and learning in the classroom and Mr Murdoch will be developing the school's culture and behaviour. They both bring extensive skills and experience to their respective roles. There are other new staffing appointments across the school, as new colleagues join to replace those who will be moving on other opportunities. There are various refurbishment works that are planned for the buildings over the summer break which will enhance the facilities at the school for our community.

On a practical note I would like to inform you that the school will open to students on the following dates in September with a staggered start to the year on the first two days.

Wednesday 3 September	Year 7 and 11 only with assemblies, tutor times and lessons.
Thursday 4 September	All year groups return with assemblies, tutor times and lessons
Friday 5 September	All year groups return to full timetable.

A reminder that the school day starts at 8.45 am and ends at 3.15 pm. The new structure of the school day has been shared with parents and carers. Our free Breakfast Club will run in the mornings, alongside a paid option. There will be hot food options available in the morning and afternoon breaks. There are new changes to the pastoral arrangements at the school next year which are detailed in an supplementary letter.

Every academic year brings new experiences and new challenges. At our school, we are committed to excellence in all its forms whilst nurturing resilience and kindness in our students. We know that by all of us working together, we can ensure all of our students have the opportunity to flourish in their time at school.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing all of our students in September.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mr Bains', written in a cursive style.

Mr Bains