

28 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the middle of the first half term, we wanted to take the opportunity to welcome you once again to the Medina College community and share a short update on how Year 7 are settling in.

It has been a very positive start. Students are becoming more confident in finding their way around school, managing their timetables and equipment, making new friendships and getting to know their teachers and tutors. Their recent PGL team-building day was another lovely opportunity for them to build confidence, independence and a strong sense of belonging.

As the year group becomes more settled, this is also a good point to remind students of the routines and expectations that help everyone to feel safe, happy and ready to learn. Our school rules remain simple: Ready, Respectful and Safe, underpinned by our values of Ambition, Courage, Confidence and Kindness.

We ask students to arrive on time, in full uniform, with the correct equipment and ready for the day ahead. Mobile phones must be switched off and handed in at the start of the day. We are also encouraging students to become increasingly independent in checking their timetable, completing homework and preparing for lessons.

Year 7 Tutor Evening

Our Year 7 Tutor Evening will take place on Thursday 15 October. This will be a valuable opportunity to meet your child's tutor, talk about how they have settled into secondary school and raise any questions you may have. Tutors will also be able to share how your child is managing the routines and expectations of Year 7.

If you have not already done so, please book your Tutor Evening appointment through Arbor; if you have any issues please do not hesitate to contact us and we would be happy to assist.

A few reminders

Uniform

Students should wear their school tie and the correct school trousers or skirt.

- Leggings and jogging bottoms are not permitted.
- Footwear must be entirely black.

- Only official school jumpers should be worn in school.
- Coats may be worn outside and in corridors but should be removed in classrooms and the canteen.
- Hair should be a natural colour.
- Baseball caps and other hats should not be worn inside the school building.

We understand that occasional uniform or PE kit issues can arise. If this happens, please let your child's tutor know via the black book, including when you expect the issue to be resolved. We also have pre-loved uniform available to borrow where needed.

Where uniform expectations are repeatedly not met, students may be removed from lessons until the issue is resolved.

Behaviour and attendance

We want every student to make the most of their learning time. Students are expected to attend every lesson and to access support at appropriate times. Truancy will be followed up and sanctioned through our Reflection system.

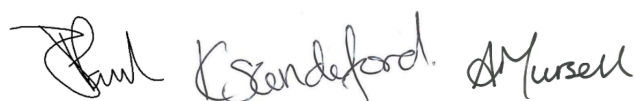
Water fights are also not permitted on the school site, as they can quickly lead to disruption, damage or unsafe behaviour.

There is a wide range of support available at Medina, and we want students to feel confident asking for help whenever they need it. The important thing is that they access that support in the right way while continuing to attend their lessons.

A link to the Parent Handbook on our website can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your support. We have been very pleased with the way Year 7 have started their time at Medina and look forward to continuing to work closely with you as they grow in confidence over the year ahead.

Yours faithfully



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