

4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all our students and families as we begin another exciting academic year at Moor Park High School. The start of a new school year always brings with it a sense of optimism, fresh opportunities and new beginnings. It is a chance for every young person to make a positive start, set ambitious goals and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for the support you have shown in ensuring that students have returned to school ready to learn. We have enjoyed a smooth and positive start to the term, and that is very much down to the effort made at home to ensure that students arrived punctually, in full uniform and equipped for learning. Your support makes a tremendous difference, and we are grateful for the role you play in helping us get the year off to such a successful start.

Over the past two days, I have spoken to all pupils about our expectations, standards and values as a school community, and the important role each young person plays in upholding them.

Students have been reminded that the absolute focus of school is learning. Quite simply, children come to school to learn, and that must remain our shared priority. We expect every student to work hard, engage fully in their lessons, complete their classwork and homework to the best of their ability, and show commitment to their studies. Equally, any disruption to learning, whether their own or that of others, is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Every student has the right to learn in a calm, purposeful environment, and every member of our school community has a responsibility to contribute to that.

Alongside our academic expectations, we have also spoken about personal responsibility, behaviour and respect. Students have been reminded that they represent Moor Park High School not only whilst they are in school but also whilst travelling to and from school and when they are out in the local community. We expect our young people to treat others with kindness and respect, take pride in their school and always demonstrate consideration for the environment and the wider community.

I have also spoken to students about the importance of home and school working closely together. Parents and carers should expect to hear from school more regularly this year, both when things are going well and when we have concerns. Positive communication is

important, and we want to celebrate success whenever possible. Equally, where concerns arise, we want to work with families quickly and constructively to ensure students receive the support they need.

We know that children achieve best when school and homework in partnership. We would therefore ask parents and carers to take an active interest in their child's learning throughout the year. Supporting your child to establish good routines, ensuring they have a quiet space to complete homework, revision and independent study, and encouraging high aspirations can make a significant difference to their success both academically and personally.

As we begin the new school year, I would also like to remind parents and carers about our procedures regarding mobile phones and vaping. These expectations have been communicated previously, and the relevant information is attached again for your reference. Please take a few moments to read through the guidance carefully with your child so that everyone is clear about the expectations and procedures we have in place. Your support in reinforcing these messages at home is greatly appreciated.

[Mobile-Phones-in-School.pdf](#)

[Vaping-in-School.pdf](#)

I would also like to share a couple of practical reminders regarding communication with school.

The period between 8:30am and 9:30am is one of the busiest times of the day for our school office as staff support student arrivals, attendance queries and other urgent morning matters. If your enquiry is not urgent and relates to areas such as admissions, free school meals or other general matters, we would kindly ask that you phone or visit school after 9:30am wherever possible. This helps us to ensure that all callers and visitors can be assisted promptly and efficiently.

Similarly, if you wish to meet with a member of staff, we kindly ask that you contact the school in advance to arrange an appointment rather than arriving without notice. You will not be able to meet a member of staff without an appointment. This is not because we do not want to meet with you; quite the opposite. By arranging an appointment, we can ensure that the appropriate member of staff is available, has the relevant information to hand and can dedicate sufficient uninterrupted time to discuss your concerns or queries fully. Our aim is always to provide the best possible support for families, and scheduled appointments help us to do this effectively.

As we look ahead to the year before us, I am excited about what our students can achieve. We have high expectations, ambitious goals and a shared commitment to helping every young person succeed both academically and personally. By working together, we can ensure that our students continue to flourish, make excellent progress in their learning and develop into confident, respectful and responsible young people.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year and to celebrating the many successes that lie ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher