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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this letter finds you well. I wanted to make contact formally before the end of term, to wish you a pleasant summer and also ensure that you have all of the necessary information you need ready for the new academic year 2017-18.

The first day of term for all pupils is Tuesday, 5 September. Data and general perception tells us that the wearing of our school uniform has improved even more this year. I am extremely proud when I see how smart the vast majority of our pupils look and the same checks at the start of term will be mirrored in September. I know Mr Fenna has written recently specifically about uniform procedures. Thank you for your continued support. Any previous school letters can be found using the following link:

<http://www.maletlambert.co.uk/letters-and-documents>

I wanted to give you advance notice of an important change to our school day for the next academic year. Lunchtimes will now be from 12:15pm until 1:00pm. We have spent a long time this year checking that those opting for a school lunch can be served and have plenty of time to eat before 1:00pm. We now have an outdoor food 'Pod' which has helped us to ease queuing pressure and is proving very popular with pupils. We are seeing that large numbers of pupils are waiting outside their classrooms at 1:00pm ready for period 4. Other observations include the number of 'silly' incidents occurring in the last ten minutes of the lunchtime period. Period 4 will continue to be for an hour and period 5 from 2:00pm until 3:00pm, meaning a slightly earlier pupil finish time of 3:00pm. No academic lesson time has been lost through the changes. It goes without saying that our vast array of extra-curricular clubs will continue as normal after this time.

In September, only pupils in year 10 and 11 will be able to leave site at lunch time, under strict conditions. Pupils must present a lunch card issued by the school upon receipt of the parental 'off-site' permission slip, which will be handed to your child in July. Permission slips must be returned by 3:30pm on Monday, 17 July, in order to be issued with the lunch pass on the first day back in September. Pupils will only be allowed to exit the site between 12:15pm and 12:30pm. From 12:30pm, no pupils will be allowed to exit. Notes from parents or phone calls will not replace the need for the lunch card to be able to exit the site. Staff will conduct spot checks in the local area and any pupil found to be misbehaving during lunch, or is reported to us for unacceptable behaviour, will have their lunch card privilege removed for at least the remainder of the term. We are also constantly working with our community group, monitoring litter at lunchtimes. The school maintains that we would prefer pupils to stay 'on-site' at lunchtime, but if parents of Year 10 and 11 pupils choose otherwise, we will respect that. We have now cut down from four year groups to two year groups being allowed 'off-site' and we are assessing options for all pupils to remain on-site at lunchtime. Please be advised that from Tuesday, 4 September 2017, there will be a price increase to the cost of the main school meal. The current price is £2.00 for a main meal, drink and a dessert. This will increase to £2.20. The school has not implemented a price rise for over six years but, due to the continued pressure on the cost of wholesale food, we cannot avoid this price increase any longer. It should be noted that a school meal at Malet Lambert still provides excellent value for money. Our prices remain amongst the lowest when compared with other local secondary schools. All of our menus are developed in line with the nutritional standards set by the Schools Food Trust and the Government's Food Policy in Schools. For our pupils in receipt of Free School Meals, the increase will be applied to the daily allowance.

Malet Lambert prioritises the safeguarding of all of our pupils. We have now implemented a subtle but important change to our systems for when family members collect pupils during the school day. We now require you to not only be named on our computer system, but also to bring in identification such as a drivers' licence or a bank card before we will release a pupil into your care. If an adult wishes to collect a child but they are not on our system then we will require a photograph of the adult collecting the child to be emailed to us in advance from somebody who is listed on our system. Although this will take a minute or two extra, we know that you will appreciate these additional systems are in place to ensure that your child is fully safeguarded and protected.

This year the Malet Lambert performing arts production will take on an exciting new format! In previous years, pupils have worked hard to prepare a single musical to wow their audience. This year, they have raised the stakes! Pupils have taken on the challenge to prepare not one, but three showcase sections from three popular musicals; Hairspray, Mamma Mia, and Matilda. In addition to these, the show will also include a section that places the spotlight on exceptionally talented individual pupils, who will perform a range of monologues and solo songs, from a variety of theatrical and musical genres. Performances will take place on the 10, 11, 12 and 13 July, starting at 7pm. We do hope that you will be able join us for one of the performances to enjoy an evening of song, dance and music.

This term we have seen the end of Year 11s journey with us at Malet Lambert. Feedback from the vast majority of pupils was overwhelmingly positive and it's fair to say that I have never seen a more motivated cohort of pupils when it comes to revision in the lead up to the exam period. We all hope that their hard work will pay off with some fantastic results and we look forward to sharing their special moments during results day on 24 August. In the meantime, we look forward to catching up with them at the prom on the 14th July.

This week sees the long anticipated launch of our new House System. Momentum for the launch has been building, with flags, displays, ties and t-shirts arriving in school, with both staff and pupils excited about the grand reveal on the 30 June. One of the biggest changes will be an increase in the significant amount of activities and events pupils can get involved in, starting with the whole school sports day at Malet Lambert on the 13th July. I have reminded you of the six new houses at the bottom of this letter.

Thank you so much for your continued support. Parental engagement is key in everything we do, so please do contact us if you require any further information about anything we do and especially if you have any concerns about your child.

Have a fantastic summer holiday if I don't see you in person before.

Yours faithfully



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Head of School



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