



MAHARISHI SCHOOL

CONSCIOUSNESS - BASED EDUCATION

10th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a summer term like no other, I would like to say a huge thanks to you all for your support, patience and kind words during the last few months. It has been a truly testing time for us all and we are thrilled to be able to tell you that, following the latest government guidance to schools, we will be welcoming all of our pupils back to school in September. We are currently working our way through the government guidance and I will write to you again once we have a completed plan to share with you.

Today we said goodbye to our year 11 pupils who joined us at the secondary site for an outdoor, socially distanced celebration. Some of our year 11's have been with us since we became a free school when they were in year 3, and others joined the group along the way. We loved having them back with us again and enjoyed seeing their reactions to the baby photo collages (thanks to our year 11 parents for those!), the photo booklet of school memories (thanks, Mrs Cleary), Mr Marriott's funny and apt 'Most likely to...' slides and Mrs Steele's fantastic poem. We wish them success and happiness in the next stage of their journey.

Our year 6 pupils joined us on Wednesday for their outdoor celebration where we celebrated their time with us at the primary phase. They were presented with a fabulous year book (thanks to Miss Wagstaff), got to sign each others' shirts (thanks to Mrs Gaskell's precision organisation) and were able to add their handprints to the Maharishi tree outside of the year 6 classroom - a tradition at our school (thanks to Bell for organising this). We look forward to welcoming the year 6's to the secondary phase in September and wish a fond farewell to two of our pupils who are heading off to pastures new.

I will be in touch with the year 6 parents in the last two weeks of the summer holidays with some transition information for you to share with your child/children in preparation for September.

We know that many of our pupils will be desperate to get back to school in September and will easily and comfortably transition back. If, however, your child is feeling anxious about the return to school, please let us know and we will be in touch in the

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last two weeks of the summer break to discuss how we can work together to smooth the transition.

In September, we will welcome back our primary phase deputy head, Miss Copplestone, who has been on maternity leave for much of this school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Gaskell who has done an amazing job as acting deputy head this year.

Next year, we will also be welcoming back Mr O'Toole who joined our school to cover Miss Lunn's maternity leave on the first day of lockdown. Despite these challenging circumstances, Mr O'Toole threw himself into his new role and quickly became a much valued member of our school team. He will be returning as our year 6 maths intervention teacher and will be spending one day a week with year 1.

Primary staffing for next year is as follows:

Reception	Miss Riaz
Year 1	Miss Copplestone
Year 2	Mrs Lymath
Year 3	Mrs Freel
Year 4	Miss Wagstaff
Year 5	Mr Lowrie
Year 6	Mrs Gaskell

That's all for now. I wish you all a happy and healthy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you again on **Friday 4 September at 10:00am** at both phases.



Lisa Edwards

We will either find a way or make one.
--Hannibal (247-182 BC), Carthaginian General

Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.
--Newt Gingrich (1943-), American politician, historian, and author

"The secret of success is conviction and persistence."
— Maharishi Mahesh Yogi