

Dear parents and carers

It has been fantastic to welcome everyone back to school this week. Students and staff are particularly delighted to be back in all of the specialist learning spaces in Science, Technology, Art, Drama, Music, Computing and much more. I walk the whole school building several times a day, and it is so impressive to see the enthusiasm, the focus on learning and the determination that our students are exhibiting.

I have recorded a message (please [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the three minute video) in order to answer some frequently asked questions that have been coming up at the start of term. These have been on Covid safety at school, on blazers, on extra-curricular activities and on events. In brief: we have reviewed our Covid risk assessment, and now have new Welsh Government guidance that we must apply in the coming weeks. Blazers can be removed in class and in the playground, and can be carried rather than worn on very hot days. Extra-curricular activities will start again this term, as will events.

We continue to prioritise wellbeing and student mental health. Our recent student surveys also asked that we continue to prioritise these areas, and we recognise that the last 18 months have been incredibly tough for everyone in society, including young people. As you know, we have made a considerable investment in our Wellbeing Team and appointed five extra members of staff to this team. We will continue to work to support student mental health; as well as our full-time counsellor onsite, we work in partnership with external agencies such as Mon Life. If any student or families requires further support, please do not hesitate to ask.

A note on student leadership at MCS: I will be meeting our new Student Leadership Team next week to discuss their priorities and plans for the year. In addition, we will be starting our School Council selection process this half term, and we will be delighted if as many students as possible put themselves forward for this. Further details will follow from the Student Leadership Team. Furthermore, I am delighted a new student-led Equality Initiative will be launching this year. I met with the student leaders of this initiative during results week at school, and I was very impressed with their plans for the year in this vitally important area.

Finally, we always appreciate feedback and dialogue, both where things have gone well and where they need to improve. Please do get in contact with the school if there is anything you'd like to discuss, and the appropriate member of staff will respond.

Kind regards

Hugo Hutchison
Headteacher



Olivia Bacon, Y13, decided to raise awareness of the mental health issues that young people face by cutting off her long hair and donating around 48cm in length to the Little Princess Charity, in order to make wigs for children suffering hair loss. Olivia then went a step further by shaving her remaining hair in order to raise money for *Young Minds*, a mental health charity focused on young people's mental health. Olivia has raised close to £2,500 for Young Minds. If you would like to make a donation, please [CLICK HERE](#)



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FOR YOUR DIARY PARENTS' EVENINGS

23 September – Year 11
06 October – Year 13
01 December – Year 12
09 December – Year 10

Atlas Cleaning is seeking to recruit cleaning operatives at the school. For further details, please email Miss Smith - eloise.smith@atlasfm.com

Chartwell, our food service provider, is looking to appoint a catering assistant for September 2021 (term time only). Please contact Mrs M Jones on 07815 143202 for further details