



Growing together through Christ with courage, confidence and dignity

29<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

### Letter (1): Welcome Back

I hope that you have enjoyed a relaxing summer and are now ready for another school year. I would like to welcome back all our staff and students, and I extend a special welcome to our new Year 7 students who are beginning their secondary education with us. I would like to reassure you that the staff and older students will look after you and make sure that you feel happy here.

I shall have uncompromisingly high expectations for all students in terms of attitudes to learning, effort, behaviour and standards of uniform. With this in mind, please ensure that your child has the correct uniform and turns up next week in line with our expectations of dress; I am very keen that we start in a positive manner and staff do not wish to issue sanctions at the beginning of term for incorrect uniform. This includes dyed hair, false nails and piercings. The full uniform policy is on the website.

I feel very fortunate to work alongside such committed staff who have the highest aspirations for our students. I look forward to working together with parents as we strive to ensure that all children at Maria Fidelis feel valued, develop a love of learning, make excellent progress and leave us with the necessary skills and attitudes to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

I have been asked to remind families that the government will be carrying out a national test of the Emergency Alerts system on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm**. The Emergency Alerts system is used to warn if there's a danger to life nearby, including extreme weather. Compatible mobile phones and tablets will receive an alert, make a loud siren-like sound and vibrate. You can find out more at [www.gov.uk/alerts](http://www.gov.uk/alerts).

I have also included some key dates for the first half term below; the full school calendar can be found on the website.

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 parents' welcome evening (4pm)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 11 & 6 <sup>th</sup> Form information evenings (4:30pm)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Evening (2pm finish for students)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 8 parents' evening (4-6pm)

We shall be running two days about study skills and behaviour for learning on Thursday and Friday so that all students are clear about the *Maria Fidelis Way*. School will finish early on Friday and students will be dismissed at 2:10pm. Please also note that the school will be closed to students on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.



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Finally, the pathway and Phoenix Rd gate continue to be closed due to the ongoing building works. We shall therefore all be using the main entrance for entering and leaving the school. This will mean that there will be increased congestion at the start and end of the day. I hope that the works will end soon and I shall keep you updated.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I would like to assure you that I continue with my determination to provide the very best education for the students at Maria Fidelis.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Anthony', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr M. Anthony  
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