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Dear Parent/Carer

Class of 2025

June was a very busy month for our Year 10 students, especially for those of us on the recent Ardeche adventure.

We were very pleased with this cohort's attendance and conduct in the recent exam series. Students will receive detailed feedback from their teachers and current GCSE grades in each subject. The students are also thinking about the longer-term future, with our Futures Day on to find out about Sixth Form courses and doing Work Experience week. Students will be interacting with new people and gaining new skills. We look forward to visiting many students in the workplace. Coming back to school for a week on 15 July, we will reflect further on this experience and plan for a successful Year 11.

We are writing to you about your child moving up to a very important academic year in September. With Mr Van Hoek, we will work together to support each child right through Year 11. Mr Lamb will oversee welfare and personal development, whilst Mrs Lunskey manages academic progress, exams, revision skills and matters of curriculum. The Class of 2024 have been our first cohort to take masterclasses first thing in the morning throughout Year 11. This new approach to tutor time has been very successful so it will be continued with the 2025 cohort. Morning masterclasses help students improve specific knowledge and skills in English, maths, science, humanities and MFL. Using assessment data, we create tutor groups to put students into masterclasses with others who share the same knowledge/skills gaps. The groups change every eight weeks or so, as fresh new assessment data shows us where students need targeted intervention. Masterclasses increase over the academic year from twice, to three or four times per week, still leaving tutors time to deliver important content around personal development and wellbeing. This does mean that your child will have several tutors over the course of Year 11. The tutors and Mr Lamb will work together closely to monitor all students' welfare.

During the summer break, it is important for students to rest and recharge their batteries. We hope families have time together to relax whether at home or on a holiday. In addition, we expect our students to complete some academic work in all their subjects. Parents and Carers receive information about tasks set out in a letter entitled "Get Ahead, Stay Ahead" at the end of each term. As we move into Year 11, these tasks are more important than ever. Students who prepare for the term ahead cope much more calmly, as they don't feel "rusty" in all their subjects.

When breaks come around in Year 11, we always ask students to plan their week/fortnight off, so that leisure time and study both fit in. With six weeks away from school soon, we urge parents and students to look ahead and plan when schoolwork can be done, especially for subjects where the grade in the

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summer exams is not as good as they would like. Some learning apps work best on ten minutes a day, every day, whilst other tasks may require a morning or afternoon of study at home.

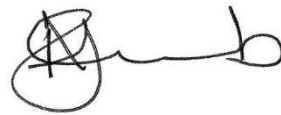
Rather than having a panic at the end of August, please check all the summer tasks with your child now and decide how to fit them in, alongside leisure of course. The efforts students put in now will pay dividends next summer and excellent GCSE grades will help them realise their ambitions.

In the last week of this term, we will explain more about the Year 11 Journey to the students in assembly and via tutor time. Please do contact us by email on fiona.lunskey@mrc-academy.org or ashley.lamb@mrc-academy.org if you have any queries about academic matters or your child's wellbeing. We wish everyone a lovely summer break and look forward to working with our students and their families, to ensure everyone's success in 2025.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Year – Year 10