



4 September 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer break and welcome to the new parents joining us this year. The pastoral team is really looking forward to welcoming students back to More House School for what will be another exciting and rewarding year of learning. There are some new additions to the pastoral team this year to further support the care on offer to your child.

In the first few weeks of term we have a number of parent information evenings and events; I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. As always your feedback and support is much appreciated as we seek to strengthen the bond between home and School in order to support students to achieve their potential.

This letter offers an update and reminder on:

- Safeguarding
- Key expectations relating to manners, uniform, mobile phones and attendance
- The Pastoral Team
- Co-curricular Programme
- Upcoming events

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Leads at More House are:

Mrs Claire Phelps - cphelps@morehousemail.org.uk
Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Head Pastoral

Mr Michael Keeley - mkeeley@morehousemail.org.uk
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Head of Operations

Mrs Lynsey Garwood - lgarwood@morehousemail.org.uk
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Senior Teacher Pastoral and PSHE/Mental Health Lead

The role of the Designated Safeguarding Leads within the School is to ensure that our pupils feel safe, happy and supported in School. We provide support, help and advice to our pupils and parents around safeguarding matters, to enable our children to thrive and achieve their potential at School. The

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safeguarding team will act as a link between the School, families, and any professionals working with them. Any matters discussed are treated with confidence and respect.

We work with the Royal Borough of Chelsea and Kensington and other external agencies in order to provide the best outcomes for our pupils and their families. We can signpost you in the direction of organisations, charities and agencies who can help if the School cannot. Our aim is to establish and foster good relationships with parents and pupils in our School, as well as professionals who work with them. We are always available to talk to you regarding concerns surrounding you or your child.

Key Expectations relating to Manners, Uniform, Mobile phones, Attendance

Manners

We want to continue the great work you have done instilling manners and mutual respect in your children within the School. We expect students to always be polite, courteous, and respectful so that positive relationships between staff and students can be achieved. This makes for a supportive and engaging learning environment where everyone can thrive.

Uniform

The More House uniform is an important part of our community as it builds a sense of belonging. It is one piece in the building blocks which create a culture of high expectations and high achievement through an inclusive, supportive environment. All students are expected to be in full More House uniform every day in school as well as on trips unless specifically asked to wear PE kit.

We are aware that Perry (our uniform provider) is experiencing a slight delay with the delivery of the School skirt. We hope that the alternative regulatory trousers provided free of charge will be a suitable alternative until the skirts are ready.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not permitted at More House School and they should be handed in at the start of the day. Sixth formers are only permitted to use their mobile phone in the sixth form social area. This system is in place to support student mental health and well-being by reducing screen time. It also reduces distraction in lessons so that teachers and students can focus on learning. If you need to contact your child, please call reception and a message will be passed on. If a student needs to contact home, they can speak to a pastoral leader who will facilitate a call home. Please do not email or contact your daughter via other messaging apps directly to your daughter's device as this is disruptive to learning.

Attendance and Punctuality

The importance of attendance can not be underestimated in relation to your daughter's achievement and development whilst at More House. Please work with us in supporting your child's education by arranging (as far as possible) appointments and outings:

- after school hours;
- at weekends; or
- during school holidays.

Please note: only the Head may authorise absences for family reasons (eg bereavement or urgent family travel).

Notification of all absences should be emailed to absent@morehousemail.org.uk.

The Pastoral Team

We are excited to welcome three members of staff to the pastoral team to support the care and development of our pupils. Mrs Wilson will lead Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) and Mr Cronie Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11). Miss O’Callaghan continues to lead the Sixth Form. All three Key Stage leads have some exciting ideas to share with our pupils this year. Alongside the Key Stage leads, our form tutors will support students with day to day needs. Please use your daughter’s form teacher as the first point of contact.

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8AM - Miss McMorrow	amcmorrow@morehousemail.org.uk	
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In addition we welcome Ms Monterio as the Pastoral Support Officer. As part of her role she will focus on attendance and the co-curriculum.

Co-Curricular Timetable

This year we have introduced period 6 as a compulsory lesson to enrich learning opportunities. There are a number of activities on offer that students will select from during the first week back. Once these have been selected, they will be timetabled for the term. In addition, there are subject specific intervention sessions on offer for those students in years 11 and 13. The timetable is available here, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Upcoming events

In the coming half term we have planned a number of events for students and parents to support our school community. Please add these dates to your diary; more information will be available for each event closer to the time.

- **Information Evening (Years 8-13)**
 - 11 September 2023 (6.00pm-8.30pm)
 - Delivered to parents and pupils
 - To include a talk from Karl Hopwood on Social Media (Year 7 parents are also welcome to attend this talk).

- **Assemblies led by PC Jarrett (Safer Schools Liaison Officer)**
 - 11 and 12 September
 - Delivered to pupils

- **MacMillan Coffee Morning**
 - Parent meet and greet
 - 2 October 2023 (8.30-9.30am)

- **Black History Month**
 - Assemblies led on the 2 and 3 October
 - Activities in School

- **Year 7 and 8 Parents' Tutor Meeting and Social**
 - Parent social
 - 11 October 2023 (4.00pm-6.30pm)

- **World Mental Health day**
 - Guidance on mental health to parents and pupils
 - 10 October 2023

Many thanks in advance for your support in these matters, we look forward to welcoming all students back to School on Wednesday 6th September in full school uniform, Year 9 should return in their PE kit as they have a PE lesson period 2.

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