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26th August 2026

Start of Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family have had a wonderful summer and that your children are ready to get started with the new academic year. I just wanted to send a couple of reminders regarding the start of term.

Uniform

We believe in uniform as an equaliser and in promoting pride in our school. Full uniform guidelines are on the school website:

https://www.mandeville.bucks.sch.uk/Parents/Uniform/

Please ensure your child is in the correct and full uniform in September. Please remind your child of the following:

- Hoodies will be confiscated
- No false nails, false eye lashes and natural look make up
- Only TMS skirt is permitted (black pleated with the school logo)
- Students must wear their tie and blazer. These items are not optional
- Jewellery (one plain ear stud and one plain nose stud are permitted)
- No leggings and skinny trousers
- Only black shoes or trainers (no coloured or whites parts allowed)
- Students can wear their full TMS PE kit on PE and dance days, however cannot wear their own sports wear

Thanks in advance for your support with ensuring a smart start to the year.

Equipment

A reminder that all students will need the following equipment for the start of term:

https://www.mandeville.bucks.sch.uk/Basic-Equipment-Required-by-Students/

Phone Pouches

In June 2026 the government banned the use of phones in schools. We have benefitted from the fact that as a school we introduced phone pouches in September 2023, so this was not a significant change for us and our students are excellent at adhering to this rule. As a school we know that the banning of phones was very successful in reducing students screen time, reducing social media issues within school and in removing 'background noise' for our students. Due to the success of the pouches at TMS, other schools in Insignis Academy Trust and other local schools have sought our advice on this and have now introduced

phone pouches in their schools. Please can I remind parents that having a pouch is a compulsory part of our equipment list. Phone pouches can be ordered on Arbor.

Attendance

We miss students when they are not in school and know that excellent attendance is linked to improved well-being and excellent academic outcomes. We have made huge gains in attendance this academic year and thank all our families for their support with this. We really want our students to belong at TMS and as such want them to come to school every day on time. We will be doing all we can to work with families to improve attendance this academic year. Mr Penson will be driving attendance at TMS with our Attendance Officer Ms Hicks. Ms Hicks will be liaising with tutors and Heads of Year to flag when a child's attendance becomes a concern. We will be focusing on lateness to school, as many students miss the am registration which counts towards their overall attendance figures. Please do ensure your child is at school on time. Further guidance for reporting absence and our attendance strategy is on the link below:

https://www.mandeville.bucks.sch.uk/Parents/Reporting-student-absence/

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We have three INSET days from 1st until 3rd September 2026. On Friday 4th September, we will have year 7 in school and the rest of school will return on Monday 7th September. Students should arrive by 08:40 to ensure they are in form time by 08:45am. Timings of the school day are as follows:

08:45am	Registration
09:15am	Period 1
10:15am	Period 2
11:15am	Break
11:35am	Period 3
12:35pm	Lunch
1:15pm	Period 4
2:15pm	Period 5
3:15pm	End of the school day

Chromebooks and Google

Like the other Insignis Academy Trust schools, we are now a Google School. Students in Year 7 will receive their chromebook during their first few days. Information about chromebooks can be found at:

https://www.mandeville.bucks.sch.uk/Chromebooks-at-TMS/

Arbor

Arbor is the app we will be using to record attendance, behaviour and rewards this academic year. Please can all parents and students download the app.

https://www.mandeville.bucks.sch.uk/Parents/School-Gateway

Finally, I would like to congratulate our Year 11 cohort on achieving the best results TMS has had. It is a true testament to the hard work and 'belief' of this cohort and represents the improvement journey the school has been on in recent years. We are very much looking forward to seeing our students continue to 'believe, achieve, succeed' next academic year. It continues to be an absolute privilege to be the Head of our wonderful school and I am looking forward to working with you and your children in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School