

PARENT/CARER NOTICES

Autumn 1: Monday 7th September 2026

Wednesday 9th September - photographs for all students throughout the **day**

Thursday 10th September – Year 10 Curriculum Information Evening

Tuesday 15th September – Year 7 and 8 Curriculum Information Evening

Wednesday 16th September – Year 9 Curriculum Information Evening

Thursday 24th September – Open Evening Year 7 and 12

Thursday 24th September – Careers Fair 9.30am to 3.15pm

Tuesday 6th October – Year 7 Open Morning

Wednesday 7th October – Parent Carer Forum Meeting

Thursday 8th October – Year 12 Information and Support Evening

Thursday 15th October – Year 7Q Parent/Carer Evening Online

Wednesday 21st October – Year 11 Mock Exam Information Evening

Thursday 22nd October – Year 7X Parent/Carer Evening Online

Monday 26th October – HALF TERM

Monday 2nd November – DISAGGREGATED PD DAY – ACADEMY CLOSED TO STAFF AND STUDENTS

Tuesday 3rd November – Staff and students return

General Notices

Welcome Back!

It was brilliant to welcome back our fantastic students on Thursday last week. Thankyou to all of our parents and carers who have supported such a positive start.

New Timings of the Day and Week Structure

Please be aware that our new timings of the day will commence this term:

- The school day now begins at 0855.
- The school day ends at 1540.
- Wednesday is a shorter day for most students- ending at 1440. *However, on Wednesday 9th September- all students will be dismissed at 1440.*

- Wednesday Period 5 Enrichment lessons/clubs will not commence until Wednesday 16th. Only students enrolled in advance can attend. *Further details to be shared soon.*
- We now have 5 one-hour lessons per day. Break and Lunch times remain the same length.

Food Service at MCA

Our catering team has done a fantastic job serving students during the first week of term. While queues have been longer than usual, students have shown great patience and maturity as our new Year 7 students become familiar with the lunchtime system.

To help speed up service at the tills, students should ensure that they have sufficient funds on their catering account before arriving at the canteen. Top-ups can be made through the MCAS app. Students who have not yet had their fingerprints registered should also make sure they know their PIN number, which can be obtained from Student Reception.

Thank you to both our catering team and students for their cooperation and support during this busy start to the academy year.

Menu prices can be found on our website: [Secondary-Catering-Tariff-2026-27-Mildenhall-V2.pdf](#)

Attendance at MCA

Thank you for your support thus far we've had an excellent return to the Academy; it was so pleasing to have everyone back. For new parents and a reminder to old we expect the students at MCA to **attend every day** unless they have had an operation or are significantly unwell. We want your support in helping your children to have the mindset that they must attend every day. Attending every day will help your child to achieve their potential, build resilience, routine and a can-do attitude. School is so much more than academic success, and we want to help your child be the best they can be and to do that we need to see them every day.

If possible, we would like you to organise medical and dental appointments for after school. When this is not possible, please can you try and arrange an appointment time so your child can attend their morning mark at 8.55am and then again, their afternoon mark at 1.35pm so they can still achieve 100% attendance. For us to authorise medical and dental appointments we will need evidence of an appointment via a card, letter or screenshot.

If there is an unfortunate emergency, please keep us informed so we can support. Also, if your child has any issues that is creating a barrier to them attending, please contact their Tutor and House Leader asap so we can put immediate support in.

If your child is ever absent for whatever reason you must contact us to explain the reason. All absences of 5 days or longer require medical evidence for us to authorise. We do not authorise holidays during term time, and fines will be issued for any unauthorised holiday taken. Please see the attached document which explains how we follow government guidelines with regards to term time holidays.

We really look forward to working with you all to help your child be happy and successful.

First Aid

We do offer First Aid support when required at MCA. There will be times coming to collect them is the right thing to do but we find in most cases staying in school is for the best.