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Dear Parent / Carer

As the school year draws to a close, I wanted to write a brief letter to you before we start the summer holiday. Firstly, I must acknowledge and thank your children for their enthusiasm, good manners, and hard work this year. I am proud of their resilience and commitment to their studies, and it is a privilege to work with them.

This year we started our parent forum meetings which have provided the opportunity for me to hear your opinions, respond and then act upon them. I am always grateful for any feedback we receive as a school. There are things we get right, but also areas where we must work to improve (there always will be). Your feedback is essential in our drive to do better for your children. Some examples of our response to parental feedback this year:

- we have made some changes to how our activities week will run next year,
- we introduced 'Midhurst Matters' to provide increased communication about the school in a more informal way,
- we have made homework / independent learning a key priority to improve for next year,
- we will increase the number of residentials we offer next year,
- we will increase the number of clubs and after school activities we offer from next year,
- we introduced our 'quick guides' to give parents / carers a brief overview of areas of the school: [Quick Guides \(mrc-academy.org\)](http://mrc-academy.org)

I am keen to hear more from parents / carers about your views of our school. Please email my PA: sarah.banbury@mrc-academy.org if you would like to participate in future parent forum meetings.

As mentioned earlier, your children work hard in lessons every day. I would like to give parents the opportunity to see this first-hand. From next year, we will introduce school tours for parents during the school day so that you can see us in action. These will run once per half-term. We will need to limit numbers for this – if you would like to be part of our pilot group for this, please email my PA on the address above.

In response to parental feedback from earlier this year, we will maintain parent consultation evenings online next on school cloud in most cases. We received nearly 400 responses to the MS Form on this and a clear majority of parents want them to remain online. The tutor evening for Year 7 in the autumn term and the Year 7 parents' evening later in the year will be face to face, to help ease transition as the current Year 6 join us.

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There have been many highlights this academic year. We will host our annual fireworks event in November and hope to improve on the 2500+ visitors we had on the evening last year. We will also run our community day in April / May, and I hope that we can return to inviting parents to an open-air cinema event in the summer of 2024. I must give a special mention to our music and drama departments for the performances this year, which have been simply fantastic. They are not finished yet and we have a performance in the amphitheatre on Wednesday this week.

The new term starts for all students on 5 September at 8.25am. I look forward to welcoming the current Year 6 to MRC, as well as seeing our largest ever Year 12 start with us.

I would like to wish you all an incredibly good summer break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Edwards', with a small flourish at the end.

Stuart Edwards
Principal