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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 11

I am writing to you as your child begins Year 11 at Midhurst Rother College. We hope that students and families have enjoyed a relaxing summer. It has been great to welcome everyone back to College for the new term and we look forward to a positive and purposeful year ahead.

As Assistant Principal: Raising Standards, I will be responsible for monitoring academic progress in Year 11. I am particularly pleased to be leading the academic support of this year group as I teach or have taught so many of the students. I will be working with Ms Jessop (Senior Vice Principal with responsibility for Year 11), Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Beesley, the pastoral leaders. We will keep a close eye on the welfare and progress of all the students in the year group. The students will be supported daily by their form tutors and subject teachers, who will be working very hard to help each child realise his or her potential at GCSE. I will be liaising with my colleagues to ensure each child has the provision and encouragement needed to succeed this year.

Through regular assemblies and individual conversations with Year 11 students, I will seek to reassure the students that whilst there have been disruptions to their education in the last eighteen months, we can all work together to make this a memorable and successful year. We are confident that we can repair gaps in knowledge or understanding and accelerate forwards with such a strong year group. We have been very impressed with the resilience and positive approach of the students throughout all the recent ups and downs in their education. It is important to recognise the achievements of most students in terms of excellent efforts with their schoolwork despite the College closures. Many of the students will have developed other skills in Lockdown, such as time management, perseverance and independence. These skills are going to help students revise for future examinations in an effective and timely manner, I am certain. Where students need it, we are organising support and intervention lessons in a range of subjects. As mentioned in last term's online meeting we plan to provide the Quiet Zone soon. This will be supervised time in the MRC library after College, after lessons until 5pm, for students who prefer to study at College or lack quiet space at home for homework and revision. The Quiet Zone will be available from next month on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. I will invite parents to sign their children up for this soon. In addition, we hope to see you and your son/daughter at these College events.

1. On Thursday 30 September, we are holding a Sixth Form Options evening from 6.30-8.30pm. This event will allow parents and students to talk to current Sixth Formers and their teachers about new and existing courses on offer next autumn.



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2. On Thursday 20 October we will hold the GCSE Success Fair. Students will have settled into the school year, and they will have their first tracking point grades (on a progress report via Arbor by this point). At the Success Fair we will share information on how the current GCSE assessments and examinations work, how grades 1-9 are awarded and how children can study effectively at home. There will be tips and ideas for structuring study time, making time for leisure, as well as opportunities to talk to subject teachers one-to-one.

I look forward to our Year 11 journey and supporting your child. Please do contact me by email (Fiona.Lunskey@mrc-academy.org) if you have questions or concerns as we go along,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fiona Lunskey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F' and 'L'.

Mrs Fiona Lunskey
Assistant Principal Raising Standards