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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the 2017-18 academic year. We are of course well and truly up and running with the approaching half-term which is a reminder of how time flies at Matravers School!

We have been delighted with the start to term and are extremely proud of how our students have returned in a calm purposeful and focused manner. We have welcomed our new Year 7 and Year 12 to the school who have settled quickly into our routines and expectations, continuing our traditions of high standards every day. We have also welcomed all our new starters to other year groups and welcome the great contributions they are already making to our school community.

I am delighted to announce the line-up of our Senior Student Team 2017-2018. After rounds of intensive interviewing the following students have been appointed:

Head Girl	Ellen Blackman	Head Boy	Owen Adams
Deputy Head Girl	Georgie Goff	Deputy Head Boy	Joe Medway

This team will lead our student-body exceptionally well and have already made a great contribution to the school.

We also welcome our new colleagues to Matravers School at this time of the year. These include:

Miss K Booth	History Teacher
Mrs P Church	Science Teacher
Miss N Cummings	Maths Teacher
Miss C Derwas	Head of ICT/Computing
Miss S French	Inclusion/PE/Science Teacher
Miss K Gaffney	Dance Teacher
Mrs H Hime	DT & Art Technician
Miss D Hughes	Drama Teacher
Miss T Larby	Psychology Teacher
Mr X Lord	Science Teacher
Mr L Marden	English Teacher
Mrs N Murray	Maths Teacher
Mr N Price	English Teacher
Mr G Rowles	ICT/PE Teacher
Mr J Sainsbury	Maths/PE Teacher
Ms S Schwarz	Head of RS/Psychology
Mrs K Spreadbury	English Teacher



Miss J Stafford	History Teacher
Ms L Venables	Inclusion Teacher
Mrs C Wallbridge	Maths Teacher

I am delighted with the introduction of our biometrics and new Food Court provision. The refurbished environment, alongside the new menus mean that the quality of our dining experience is exceptional for students. If you do still require information about our biometrics please contact our finance office.

We also continue our progress with our Priority School Block. The final design is almost complete and ready to go through planning. The intention is that works will begin in April 2018. This is a very exciting project to significantly improve the accommodation on site. More news will follow in the Christmas Newsletter.

As we begin to move into the winter period I would like to remind you of our “bad weather” plan. We will contact parents via text message (if we have your number) and via the local radio stations. Information will also be available on our website and also via our Twitter feed “@Matraversschool”. However, fingers crossed for another quiet and calm winter.



There are a few key dates for your diary:

30 October 2017	First day of term 2
7 November 2017	Senior UK Maths Challenge Year 12 and Year 13
9 November 2017	Sixth Form Open Evening 6pm – 8pm
Week Beginning 13 November 2017	Year 7 Charity Week
16 November 2017	Year 7’s Got Talent 3.30 – 4.30pm
17 November 2017	Non-Uniform Day – Children In Need
24 November 2017	INSET DAY
Week Beginning 28 November 2017	School Production ‘Beauty and the Beast’
5 December 2017	Year 11 Revision Evening for parents
Week Beginning 11 December 2017	Celebration Assemblies Week
14 December 2017	Year 10 Big Interview
14 December 2017	Christmas Concert 7pm
19 December 2017	Sixth Form Christmas Meal
20 December 2017	Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day
20 December 2017	Last day of term 2 – early finish

It will be the end of the Michaelmas term before we know it so let’s enjoy the half-term break before we begin a very busy and hardworking second half. Have a good break and thank you for your continued support of team Matravers!

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

DR SIMON RIDING
Headteacher