

KJB/LMR

August 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian

I would particularly like to welcome Parents and Guardians who are new to Eggbuckland – we look forward to working with you. This has been a really exciting year and, as we prepare for 2009-2010, we would like to share with you some important developments at our College.

1. New College Tie

Many of you will be aware that, in September 2008, we moved to a vertical pastoral system. This has proven to be extremely successful; students have developed a greater sense of belonging and have also enjoyed the new rewards system that has been introduced alongside the House system. In talking to our students throughout the year, it has been very apparent that they would like to wear something that identifies them with their House – and they suggested a new College tie. As a result, we held a competition for students to design the new tie and this was won by Joy Nile in Year 10. The new tie will be worn by students joining Year 7 in September. However, we are very happy if current Eggbuckland students would like to purchase the new tie – but it is really up to them as they already have their existing tie. The ties will be on sale in the College shop on Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September, from 10.00-2.00, price £3. Students who are Student Tutorial Assistants (STAs) should not buy a new tie just yet as an even newer version reflecting their Student Leadership responsibility is being designed.

2. Boilers and Buildings!

After a really cold spell in January during which we were a whisker away from closing the College, I am glad to report that we are working with the Local Authority to replace our boilers over the summer. I am sure we will all reap the benefits of this in the cold winter months ahead.

I am also pleased to say that we are doing a great deal of work on the Lower School block over the holidays, replacing doors, windows and ceiling tiles, and improving lighting and paint work. As a result, students should certainly notice a more appealing learning environment when they return in September.

3. Your Views

We are always keen to improve our practices and procedures and would like your feedback on how effective you feel we are. In addition to questionnaires that we will be sending out, Governors would like to telephone a sample of our parents with a set of pre-determined questions. We hope that you do not see this as an intrusion and, obviously, you don't have to take the call, but we would really appreciate your comments if you can spare the time, as they will help further improve our College for your child.

4. The Basics!

We are really grateful for the support you give us encouraging good attendance, punctuality, uniform and behaviour. We believe that getting these very important basics right establishes good practices for the future which are vital in the world of work.

5. Term Dates

Details of the 2009-2010 academic year are attached as well as arrangements for the start of term in September. Please do check our College website for up-dated information or telephone the College if you require any further details.

Thank you for taking the time and trouble to read this letter which, I hope, you have found useful. Once again, we really do look forward to working with you to support the education of your child in the hope that they fulfil their aims and aspirations.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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Parents' Calendar - Key Dates 2009-2010

Autumn Term 2009

Thursday 3 September	College closed for Staff Training
Friday 4 September	College closed for Staff Training
Monday 7 September	College closed for Staff Training 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm Year 12 Enrolment – Michael Caddy Centre
Tuesday 8 September	8.40 am Year 7 students report to Drama Studio Year 12 students arrive at MCC 10.00 am Year 10 arrive and go straight to tutor bases 10.30 am Sixth Form Induction begins 3.05 pm Release for Yr 7 and 10 4.30 pm Sixth Form Induction finishes
Wednesday 9 September	8.40 am onwards Normal timetable Years 7-13 (Except TLP students) All students report to tutor bases
Wednesday 16 September	Year 12 Parent Information Evening
Thursday 1 October	College closes 1.25 pm for Open Day Preparation Lunch available to students if required
Wednesday 7 October	Sponsored Walk for Years 7 and 8 (P5)
Friday 23 October	College closed for Staff Training (Citywide)
Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October	HALF TERM
Monday 18 November	KS4 to 5 Options Evening
Monday 30 November	Review Day (4.00 pm – 7.00 pm)
Tuesday 1 December	Review Day (8.15 am – 4.00 pm) Students attend their interview only. No timetabled lessons
Monday 7 December – Friday 11 December	Year 11 Mocks
Thursday 10 December	KS3 to 4 Options Evening
Wednesday 16 December	College Awards Evening
Friday 18 December	Term Ends (1.25pm – No Lunch served)

Spring Term 2010

Monday 4 January	Term Starts Sixth Form Exam window starts
Thursday 14 January	Year 10 Science Exam
Wednesday 20 January	Year 11 Science Exam
Wednesday 10 February	Year 11 Parents' Evening (Subjects)
Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February	HALF TERM
Wednesday 24 March	Review Day (4.00 pm – 7.00 pm)
Thursday 25 March	Review Day (8.15 am – 4.00 pm) Students attend their interview only. No timetabled lessons
Thursday 1 April	Term Ends (3.05 pm)

Summer Term 2010

Monday 19 April	Term Starts
Monday 3 May	Bank Holiday
Monday 17 May	Exam Season starts
Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June	HALF TERM
Monday 7 June – Friday 18 June	Year 10 Mocks
Wednesday 16 June	Year 10 Science Exam
Friday 2 July	College closed for Staff Training
Thursday 8 July	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Friday 9 July	Sports Day
Friday 16 July	1.25 pm finish – no lunch served
Friday 23 July	Term Ends (1.25 pm) Please note that some enrichment activities may finish later
Thursday 19 August	GCE/Level 3 Results
Thursday 26 August	GCSE/Level 2 Results