



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the beginning of the new school year.

It was a pleasure to welcome our students back to school this week and to begin another exciting academic year together. We were incredibly impressed by how smart and well-presented students looked on their return, and even more so by the positive attitudes, enthusiasm and maturity they demonstrated throughout the day.

Students spent time with their tutor groups yesterday preparing for the opportunities and challenges of the year ahead. Tutors have focused on key aspects of successful learning, including effective study skills, organisation, independent learning and strategies for completing home learning successfully. These sessions are designed to ensure that all students begin the year with the skills and confidence needed to achieve their very best.

Home learning will begin next week. All home learning will be published on **Arbor from 8:00am on Monday 7 September** and will have a submission deadline of **Monday 14 September**. Parents and carers will be able to view the home learning set for their child through Arbor and we encourage you to monitor this regularly to support your child's learning at home. If you experience any difficulties accessing Arbor, please contact the school office and a member of the team will be happy to assist you.

School life is extremely busy, particularly at the beginning of term, and we want to ensure that we communicate effectively and in a timely manner. The best way to contact staff is by email, ideally through our central office email office@stonelodgeschool.co.uk. We aim to respond within two working days. We would appreciate parents and carers avoiding sending emails during evenings and weekends where possible; if an issue is urgent, please contact the school reception.

There are some additional useful email addresses

Pastoral Issues	Year 7 y7pastoralteam@stonelodgeschool.co.uk Year 8 y8pastoralteam@stonelodgeschool.co.uk Year 9 y9pastoralteam@stonelodgeschool.co.uk Year 10 y10pastoralteam@stonelodgeschool.co.uk Year 11 y11pastoralteam@stonelodgeschool.co.uk Year 12 sixthform@stonelodgeschool.co.uk
Behaviour Issues relating to detentions or behaviour points/rewards etc.	behaviour@stonelodgeschool.co.uk .
Safeguarding concerns or worries	safeguarding@stonelodgeschool.co.uk .
Issues or delays with communication	Headteacher@stonelodgeschool.co.uk



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We are also looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school for our Information Evenings over the coming weeks. All events will begin at **7:00pm** and will last about 45 minutes. The dates are as follows:

- **Year 11:** 8 September
- **Year 10:** 9 September
- **Year 12:** 15 September
- **Year 9:** 16 September
- **Year 8:** 17 September

These evenings provide an important opportunity to learn more about the curriculum, expectations and key information for the year ahead, as well as to meet members of the pastoral and teaching teams.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We look forward to working alongside you to ensure that your child has a successful and rewarding year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Dr C. Cusick

Headteacher

Stone Lodge School