



26th August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable summer break.

As we prepare to welcome pupils back to school, I wanted to write with a short update and reminder about arrangements for the start of the new academic year.

Celebrating Our Examination Results

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate our pupils on another excellent set of examination results this summer.

We have been extremely pleased with the achievements of our Year 11 pupils, many of whom achieved outstanding individual results and have now moved successfully on to the next stage of their education, training or employment.

We have also seen some excellent examination results from pupils in Year 10 and in a number of cases, Year 9. These achievements reflect a tremendous amount of hard work from our pupils and staff, together with the support that pupils receive from families at home. We are incredibly proud of what our young people have achieved.

Our challenge now is to build on this success. We have high expectations for every pupil and are determined to make a strong and purposeful start to the new academic year.

Return to School – Wednesday 2nd September

In my end-of-year letter, I explained that we were planning a staggered start to the academic year, with only pupils in Years 7 and 11 attending on Wednesday 2nd September.

This arrangement has now changed and all pupils in Years 7–11 should attend school on Wednesday 2nd September.

I appreciate that this is a change to the information provided before the summer and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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FORGING FUTURES TOGETHER

The reason for the change is an important one. Changes to the arrangements for recording school attendance mean that pupils undertaking remote learning as part of our planned staggered start would not receive an attendance mark for those sessions.

I do not believe that pupils should be disadvantaged in their attendance record as a consequence of an organisational decision made by the school. We have therefore taken the decision to bring all pupils back together on **at 8:25 on Wednesday 2nd September**.

I wanted to provide families with as much notice as possible once this became clear.

A Strong Start

September provides every pupil with an opportunity for a fresh start, and we want to establish excellent habits from the very first day.

This means arriving at school every day, on time, properly equipped and ready to learn.

I would also ask parents and carers to support us by ensuring that pupils return to school meeting our expectations regarding uniform and appearance.

In particular, please remember that our expectations regarding **jewellery and hair colour** remain unchanged.

Pupils are allowed to wear a plain stud in each ear, and hair should be of a natural colour and appropriate for school. We would much rather resolve these matters before pupils return than have unnecessary conversations during the first few days of term.

Our expectations are clear because we want the start of September to be focused on the things that matter: learning, positive relationships and pupils making the best possible start to the year.

The examination achievements we have celebrated this summer demonstrate what our pupils are capable of. We now want our new Year 11 pupils to build on that success, while continuing to raise expectations across every year group.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school and for working with us to maintain high standards.

I look forward to welcoming **all pupils back to school on Wednesday 2nd September** and to another successful year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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