



Monday 6th July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

End of Term and September Arrangements

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the end of this academic year as well as our plans for the start of the new academic year on Tuesday 1st September 2026.

This academic year ends on **Friday 17th July 2026** with students finishing at the end of period 4 (1.20pm). Students will follow their normal timetable of periods 1, 2 and 3 before going to tutor time at 12.20pm; they will be registered before attending a Whole School Assembly in the Sports Hall to celebrate our key achievements from this academic year. If your son/daughter travels by school bus then these will leave at 1.40pm from our designated bus stops. For any student requiring lunch before going home, there will be the option to order a packed lunch before school and at break time which will be ready for collection at 1.15pm.

There are a number of key teaching staffing changes to inform you of in advance of the new academic year:

- **Ms Pinsent** and **Mrs Unwin** retire at the end of this academic year with 58 years' service between them! I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication, hard work and commitment to our school. We wish them a long, happy and healthy retirement.
- **Mrs Lamprecht, Mr Mahamud, Miss Rowbottom, Miss Wallis** are moving on to pastures new. We wish them all the best in the new endeavours and I would like to also thank them for all they have done whilst being members of staff at our school. This does mean we have some new staff joining us in September, as follows:
 - Mr Rowntree (Teacher of Maths and Science).
 - Miss Khatun (Teacher of Art having covered Miss Rowbottom's maternity leave).
 - Ms Blake (Teacher of Science).
 - Mr Hindess (Teacher of Maths – A Level).
- In relation to the Pastoral Team, there are the following changes:
 - **Miss Young** will be the Head of Year 7 with **Mrs Mazza** being their Assistant Head of Year.
 - **Mr Sharpe** will take over Year 8 with **Miss Larsson** remaining as their Assistant Head of Year.
 - **Miss Bradley** will take over Year 9 with **Mrs Dougan** remaining as their Assistant Head of Year.
 - **Mr Taylor** will remain as the Head of Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11). **Mrs Mawer** will move with the current Year 9 as they transition into Year 10 and **Miss Barron** will remain as the Assistant Head of Year 11 as they progress from Year 10.

I would also like to thank Mrs Briscoe and Mrs Beddall who are also leaving from our team of support staff. We wish them well in their new ventures.

We will have a staggered start to the new academic year from Thursday 3rd September 2026; this will be as follows:

- **Year 7** will start on **Thursday 3rd September 2026** – students need to arrive between 8.15 and 8.25am and line up on the Tennis Courts. They will be met by their Tutor, Head of Year (Miss Young), Assistant Head of Year (Miss Mazza) and the Senior Leadership Team. They will be with their Tutor for periods 1 and 2 before going to their normal timetabled lessons. Please note that students **will not** need to have their PE kit with them on either the Thursday or Friday of that week.
- **Year 12** will start on **Thursday 3rd September 2026** – students need to arrive between 8.15 and 8.25am and go straight to the Garner Lecture Theatre in M Block for a welcome assembly before having time with their Tutor to resolve any enrolment questions. Students will then be free to leave at break time before returning for their timetabled lessons on Monday 7th September 2026. They are therefore not expected in school on the Friday; this is to ensure we have all subject choices correct in our timetabling system.
- **Years 8, 9, 10 and 11** will start on **Friday 4th September 2026** – they are expected to arrive between 8.15am and 8.25am. Year 8 students are to line up on the Tennis Courts. They will be met by their Tutor, Head of Year (Mr Sharpe) and Assistant Head of Year (Miss Larsson) as well as the Senior Leadership Team. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 will go straight to their tutor bases; a confirmation of the room will be sent to you before the start of term. Students will have periods 1 and 2 with their Tutor before going to timetabled lessons periods 3, 4 and 5. PE kit **is** required on the first day of the academic year for students in **8x and 9x**, as well as those students in **Year 10** who have opted for **GCSE Dance**.
- **Year 13** will start on **Thursday 3rd September 2026** – they are expected to arrive between 8.15am and 8.25am and go straight to their tutor room. Students will have periods 1 and 2 with their Tutor, as well as welcome back assembly, before going to timetabled lessons periods 3, 4 and 5.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming the students back in September for another busy and successful academic year.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Foster
Headteacher