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MARK RUTHERFORD
SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Open Evening for Prospective Parents/Carers and Students - Thursday 8th October 2026

I am writing to inform you that there will be an earlier finish to the school day for all students on Thursday 8th October 2026.

Lessons 1 to 4 will take place as normal, with period 4 ending at 1.10pm. Students will then return to their tutor base to collect their mobile phones before being able to have their lunch and go home, or go home straight away. The canteen will be open until 2pm. If it is not possible for your child to return home at this earlier time then please contact the school as soon as possible and we will make arrangements to accommodate them at school.

Students who receive mainstream school transport will be collected at 1.40pm.

Students will be set work for lesson 5 and will be expected to complete this work at home during the afternoon. Students who are returning to help in the evening will be given additional time to complete this work and any homework set for that day. It is important that students go straight home after lunch and get on with their work, but that those coming back in the evening are also able to have a break.

Students must not, under any circumstances, go to any other school or cause a nuisance on their way home.

On Friday 9th October 2026 we will have a later start to support students and staff who will have been at school until late evening. Students are expected on site for 9.45am to attend a short tutor time in order for registers to be taken and important notices to be shared. Lessons will then start at 10am, period 2.

If your child gets a school bus, we will communicate timings to you separately.

Thank you for your support with this important evening for us as a school and to our students who may be helping in subject areas or acting as guides.

Yours faithfully

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