

13 July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

End of Term

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. The strong relationships we have built between home and school are central to our success, and we know that by working together we can achieve the very best outcomes for our young people. We share the same aspirations for our students: that they grow into confident, capable and compassionate individuals who are equipped to achieve their ambitions and make a positive contribution to their communities.

Throughout the year, our students have exemplified our core values of **Respect, Responsibility and Resilience**, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. This year has been marked by positivity, as students have continually met challenges head-on, seized new opportunities, and shown outstanding perseverance which is highlighted in the upcoming newsletter. Their achievements are a testament not only to their hard work but also to the invaluable support and encouragement they receive from home. Thank you for your continued commitment to working in partnership with us as we strive to help every student realise their potential and fulfil their aspirations.

The last day of term is **Friday 17 July** and students will end the day at **12.05pm**. Students can have a school lunch if they wish and then leave school to begin their holiday.

Attendance and Punctuality Update

Attendance to school in the **final week is as important** as any other time. Teachers often use this time to review key concepts and reinforce learning, ensuring students have a solid understanding of the material covered throughout the term. It provides an opportunity for students to reflect on their achievements, celebrate their progress, and gain a sense of closure before the break.

During the final week we will include the following special events:

- **Sports day – Tuesday 14 July.** All students will need to arrive to school in PE kit and will remain in this for the full day. Students are encouraged to wear accessories which symbolise their house colour e.g. socks, sweatbands, headbands etc.
- **Friday 17 July.** Non uniform day. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours if they wish.

Reminders:

- **School starts at 8.40am.** All students are expected to be in form class by then. They should aim to be **inside the school gates for 8.35am**.
- **Mobile phones** must be turned off and in bags as soon as students enter the school site. The mobile phone policy can be found [here](#).
- **Jewellery, other than a wristwatch, is not permitted** and must be removed before entering the school building.

- **Uniform** – From September 2026 the only **compulsory branded** uniform will be the white polo shirt, school jumper and blue PE top. [Uniform Policy](#)
- **Acrylic Nails:** Please ensure that your child does not attend school with acrylic or artificial nails. These can interfere with participation in school activities and are not in line with our uniform policy.
- **Piercings:** For safety and uniformity, piercings are not allowed. Any piercings must be removed before your child enters the school site.
- **Nail varnish and false eye lashes** are not allowed.
- **Make up** is not allowed in years 7, 8 and 9. Discreet make up is allowed in years 10 and 11.
- **Hair colour** should be a natural colour.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations at home. Working together helps us maintain a respectful, focused, and successful environment for all students. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year (for September 2026), detailed below.

In September, Miss Surtees joins the pastoral team as an experienced Head of Year who has worked with students aged 11-18. She will lead Year 8, while Mr Connolly will guide Year 10 in their final year. Mrs Elgood transitions to HOY Aspirations and Engagement, supporting the priority of raising aspirations.

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Key dates

- **Friday 17 July** – School ends at **12.05pm**.
- **Wednesday 2 September** – New Year 7 students only return to school
- **Thursday 3 September** – All students return to school. On the yard for **8.35am prompt**.
- **Thursday 17 September** – Year 11 Information Evening 5-6pm
- **Thursday 15 October** – Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening 5-6pm
- **W/C 23 November** – Year 11 Mocks (End on Friday 4 December)

Yours faithfully



Mr P Atkinson
Headteacher