



Monday 21 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, here are a few important updates and reminders:

Last Day of Term – Wednesday 23 July

Students will finish school at **12:20pm**. Please remind your child to **empty their locker** before leaving – any items left behind **will be disposed of**.

Start of Term – September

- **Wednesday 3 September – Year 7 only** return (gates open at 08:30 for an 08:40 start).
- **Thursday 4 September – Years 8–11** return (same timings as above).

We've made some small changes to the structure of the school day based on feedback, but **start and finish times remain the same**. Further details will be shared in September.

Lockers – New System

From September, **Year 11 students will be automatically allocated a locker**. They should bring a **padlock from home** or they can purchase one on ParentPay to be collected 48 hours later at Student Services.

A limited number of lockers will remain and will only be allocated upon request for students with additional needs, as assessed and approved by the SENCO.

Uniform and Equipment

[Please check our Uniform Guidelines](#) for full details. Key reminders:

- **Shoes:** Black, polishable leather only – no trainers or canvas shoes.
- **Trousers/skirts:** Charcoal or black.
- **Jewellery:** One small stud in each ear and one in the nose only.
- **Hair and makeup:** Natural hair colours only, no extreme styles, no makeup (except light foundation), and no nail varnish or extensions.



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All students will receive a **new lanyard and wallet** on their first day. Replacements cost **£1**.

Essential Equipment – “PREP”

Students must bring the following every day:

- **Pen** (black or blue)
- **Ruler** (30cm)
- **Eraser**
- **Pencil**

They also need:

- Scientific calculator
- Green pen (for feedback)
- Protractor & compass
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue stick
- Highlighter
- Clear pencil case (for exams)

We'll be checking equipment regularly as part of our **“Ready to Learn”** initiative.



Please ensure all uniform and equipment is **named**, and that your child brings a **refillable water bottle**.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property. Items will be displayed in the atrium before the end of term. Anything unclaimed will be **disposed of**.

Summer Challenge

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<p><u>Personal Goal Tracker</u> <i>(Determination & Ready)</i></p> <p>Set a summer goal like reading, running, or learning something new—and track your progress with determination!</p>	<p><u>Respect Challenge</u> <i>(Respect)</i></p> <p>Write 5 kind messages to people around you. Small acts of respect can make a big impact.</p>	<p><u>Excellence Journal</u> <i>(Excellence & Ready)</i></p> <p>Keep a weekly journal where you write something you did well. Strive for excellence in all you do.</p>
<p><u>Attitude Gratitude Week</u> <i>(Attitude & Respect)</i></p> <p>Spend a week writing 3 things you're grateful for each day. A positive attitude changes everything.</p>	<p><u>Responsibility Role Week</u> <i>(Maturity & Respect)</i></p> <p>Take on a new chore or job at home for a week. Show maturity by doing it without reminders</p>	<p><u>Be Ready Day</u> <i>(Ready & Maturity)</i></p> <p>Pick a day to be fully prepared: clean your space, plan your time, and take initiative.</p>
<p><u>Random Act of Kindness</u> <i>(Respect)</i></p> <p>Do 3 surprise kind acts for others—help a neighbor, share a treat, or write a thank-you note.</p>	<p><u>Healthy Habits Tracker</u> <i>(Safe & Excellence)</i></p> <p>Track your water, sleep, sun safety, or exercise for a week. Taking care of yourself is key to safety.</p>	<p><u>Positive Peer Leader</u> <i>(Attitude & Respect)</i></p> <p>Include someone who might be left out. A great attitude and respect make you a true leader.</p>

Complete the summer challenge card in full and receive 20 DREAM points – show the evidence to your HOY/ Tutor.

Complete 3 of the summer challenges and receive 10 DREAM points – show the evidence to your HOY/ Tutor.

Complete 1 of the summer challenges and receive 5 DREAM points - show the evidence to your HOY/ Tutor.



Support over the holidays

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you of some useful links for support over the holidays.

Young Minds: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Communicare Reading <https://www.communicare.org.uk/>

Reading Family Aid <https://www.readingfamilyaid.org/>

Brighter Futures for Children <https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/>

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable summer break!

Best wishes

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