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Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Summer Term Letter – July 2026

As we come to the end of another successful and rewarding school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Working in partnership with our families makes such a difference, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do to support your child and our school community.

It has been a pleasure to see our students grow in confidence, develop their knowledge and skills, and make such a positive contribution to school life throughout the year.

I apologise for the length of this letter, but it contains several important updates about the end of term and the start of the new academic year. I would be very grateful if you could take a few moments to read through the information below.

Set Changes

As students move into their new year groups, some may notice changes to their teaching groups, tutor groups or year halves.

These decisions are made carefully and thoughtfully to ensure we provide the very best academic and pastoral support for all students. Changes also give students the opportunity to build new friendships, work with different classmates and teachers, and continue to grow as learners.

We appreciate your understanding and support in helping your child embrace these changes positively.

Last Day of Term – Friday 17 July 2026

All students are expected to attend school on the final day of term as part of our statutory requirements. We would be grateful for your support in ensuring your child is in school.

On Friday:

- Students will finish at 12:40pm.
- Celebration assemblies will take place to recognise students' hard work, achievements and successes throughout the year, as communicated earlier this week.
- Students may wear their full Hart School PE kit instead of their usual school uniform.



- Lunch will be available during Break 1, and free school meal allowances can also be used at this time.

Please note that the school bus will not operate at the earlier finish time. If required, students are welcome to remain in school until the normal end of the school day.

Uniform Donations – Supporting Our School Community

If your child has outgrown any items of school uniform, we would be extremely grateful for any donations. These are greatly appreciated and help support families within our school community.

Uniform can be dropped off at the school gate on the morning of the last day of term.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Uniform Reminder

As we prepare for the new academic year, we would like to remind families of the importance of students wearing the correct school uniform. Our uniform helps promote a sense of pride, belonging, responsibility and professionalism across the school.

Full guidance can be found on our [website](#) (or by clicking the link previously provided).

If you need any advice or support regarding school uniform, please contact Mr Nathan Lewis at nathan.Lewis@hartschool.org.uk or telephone the school office on 01889 802440. We are always happy to help.

Staffing Updates

Farewell

At the end of this term, we say a fond farewell and thank the following colleagues for their dedication and contribution to Hart School:

- Neil Dangerfield – Teacher of Maths
- Nuria Ferrer Vilella – Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages
- Paul Saunders – IT Technician
- Luke Wills – Deputy Director of Science
- Oziegbe Akhuetie – Teacher of Science

We wish each of them every success and happiness in the future.

Welcome

We are also delighted to welcome new colleagues who will be joining us in September:

- Joseph Rowley – Cover Supervisor
- Victoria Worsley – Teacher of Maths

We are particularly pleased to share that, from September, Hart School will be fully staffed with specialist teachers across every subject area.



Start of the Autumn Term – Key Dates

- Tuesday 1 September and Wednesday 2 September – **INSET Days** (school closed to students)
- Thursday 3 September – School reopens for **all year groups**.
 - **Year 7** should arrive by **8:30am**
 - All **other year groups** should arrive by **8:50am**

Please also note that there has been a change to the previously published term dates. Monday 4 January is no longer an INSET day, and the school will be open to all students as normal.

Please refer to the amended [term dates](#) on our website. We apologise for any confusion this change may have caused.

Safeguarding During the Summer Holidays

While we hope all of our families enjoy a happy and relaxing summer, we recognise that school holidays can sometimes be a challenging time for young people.

Our [Health and Wellbeing](#) section on the school website contains a range of advice, resources and useful contact details should you need support during the break.

If you have any safeguarding concerns over the summer holidays, you can also contact our safeguarding team at: safeguarding@hartschool.org.uk

Other useful contacts include:

- Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support (SCAS): 0300 111 8007 (Monday–Thursday: 8:30am–5:00pm, Friday: 8:30am–4:30pm)
- Emergency Duty Service (Out of Hours): 0345 604 2886 or eds.team.manager@staffordshire.gov.uk
- Non-emergency Police: 101
- [Health for Teens](#) provides free, evidence-based, bite-sized information and interactive quizzes covering physical and emotional health topics like healthy eating, puberty, relationships, and stress management for children aged 11-19.
- [ParentSafe](#) is an online portal to help parents and carers navigate their children's digital lives and broader safeguarding issues. It provides actionable guidance on setting up parental controls, understanding popular apps, managing screen time, and talking to children about online risks

As another school year draws to a close, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. Together, we have celebrated so many successes, and we are incredibly proud of everything our students have achieved this year.



We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning and opportunity.

In the meantime, I hope you and your family have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Miss R Sandham
Principal