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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to share several important updates and reminders with you as we approach the end of the academic year.

Term Dates 2026 - 27

Following previous correspondence regarding term dates for the 2026 - 27 academic year, I would like to confirm that, in addition to the published term dates and INSET days, **Friday 26 March 2027 (Good Friday)** will be a bank holiday, and the school will therefore be closed to both students and staff.

Please refer to the latest term dates, which are available via the [school website](#).

Last Day Arrangements

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to let you know that students will finish school at 12:40 p.m. on Friday 17 July 2026. During the morning, all year groups will take part in celebration assemblies to recognise their achievements and end the term on a positive note. We kindly ask that all students attend school on this final day.

Lunch Arrangements

Students will be able to collect their lunch during Break 1. Pupils who are entitled to free school meals will also have their allowance available at this time.

Transport

Please be aware that school buses will not be operating at the earlier finish time. If your child usually travels by school bus, we kindly ask that you make alternative arrangements for them to be collected at 12:40 p.m.



Return Dates for September

Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September:

- Staff INSET days (school closed to students)

Thursday 3 September:

- Year 7 Arrive at school at 8.30am (front gates)
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- All remaining year groups return to school from 08:40am for a 08:50am start. It is highly essential that students arrive for this time before the close of registration.

Mobile Phones in School

Following previous correspondence sent by Mr Lewis, I would like to remind parents of our expectations regarding mobile phones in school.

As you are aware, we operate a phone pouch system and all students have been provided with a pouch. Therefore, should your child choose to bring a mobile phone to school, it must be secured inside their phone pouch.

From **1 July 2026**, the school will **no longer** hold mobile phones for students until the end of the day. Unfortunately, this arrangement has become unsustainable in recent weeks, and the school does not have insurance to cover such items.

Therefore, **from 1 July 2026**, if a student brings a mobile phone into school which is not secured inside a phone pouch, the phone will be confiscated, and a parent or carer will be required to collect it from school.

This affects only a small minority of students, but we feel it is important that all families are aware of this change. Should your child have lost or damaged their pouch, replacements can be purchased via Arbor at a cost of £15.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and minimise distractions to learning. Thanks to your support and that of our students, we are delighted that this initiative has been a huge success this year.



Jewellery and Uniform Expectations

As we continue to uphold high expectations regarding school uniform and presentation, we are seeing an increasing number of students wearing jewellery items that are not permitted under our existing policy.

From **1 July 2026**, any prohibited jewellery items will be confiscated and will need to be collected by a parent or carer.

To clarify, the following items are **not permitted**:

- Nose piercings of any kind
- Ear bars
- Hoop earrings
- Necklaces
- Any type of bracelet.

Students are permitted to wear:

- One pair of stud earrings in the earlobes
- A watch (smart watches are not permitted)
- One flat ring

This is not a change to our uniform policy and these expectations have been in place for many years. We thank parents and carers in advance for having these conversations with their children and supporting us in ensuring that all students look smart and take pride in their appearance at all times.

Water Safety and Hot Weather

With the weather forecast suggesting a warm and sunny week ahead, we would also like to remind families about the importance of staying safe around water. Sadly, there have been a number of incidents nationally involving young people entering open water during periods of hot weather. We kindly ask that you discuss [water safety](#) with your child and reinforce the importance of making safe choices.

Should extreme temperatures require us to relax our expectations regarding blazers, we will notify families in advance of any designated non-blazer days. Please also ensure that your child brings a suitable water bottle to school each day so that they can remain hydrated throughout the school day.

Yours sincerely

Miss R Sandham
Principal