



**THE HART
SCHOOL**
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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.

Uniform

Thank you for your support over the past week while we experienced temperatures higher than usual. From Monday 29 June, we will return to our normal uniform expectations.

Expected Uniform from Monday

All students (Year 7-10) are expected to wear our full Hart School uniform, including:

- Blazer
- School tie

Jewellery

The following items are not permitted:

- Nose piercings of any kind
- Ear bars
- Hoop earrings
- Necklaces
- Bracelets of any kind

Students may wear:

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

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)
- 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.

Attendance

Let's finish the term strong. We are pleased that the vast majority of students ended the year with attendance above 90%, reflecting a strong commitment to their learning. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly.

The next few weeks are particularly important, and we ask that your child attend every day, all day. This is especially important following recent unavoidable closures and disruption to learning. Leaders and teachers have carefully adapted the curriculum to ensure key content is delivered, supporting a strong transition into the next academic year.

Attendance below 90%

As previously shared by our Attendance Team, and in line with updated Local Authority guidance, any student who finished last year with attendance below 90% will not have absences authorised during the autumn term unless there are exceptional circumstances. Attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence and represents at least 19 days of missed learning, almost four weeks of school.

We appreciate your continued partnership and look forward to welcoming all students back in September for a strong start to the new academic year.

Yours sincerely

Miss R Sandham
Principal