

1st September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your families have enjoyed a restful and rewarding summer break. As we prepare to welcome students back to school, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all our families—especially those joining us for the first time in Year 7 and Year 12.

The Autumn term will begin on **Thursday 4th September for Year 7 and Year 12 students**, to allow for a smooth and supportive transition into their new school environment.

For all other students, term will begin on **Friday 5th September**. We will spend Friday 5th September welcoming students back, checking in on their wellbeing, and revisiting key routines and whole school approaches. To support this process, please note the following timings for the school day on **Friday 5th September**:

- Year 7 will be in school throughout the school day, starting at our usual time of 8.30am and finishing at 3.10pm.
- We are staggering the start and finish times for all other year groups.
- Year 8, Year 11 and Year 13 will begin at our usual time of 8.30am, but finish slightly earlier. Year 13 will finish at 1.15pm and Year 8 and Year 11 will finish at 2.10pm. (If your child is not able to leave earlier than the usual 3.10pm finish, please inform the school so we can provide accommodation until then)
- Year 9 and Year 10 will have a delayed start, arriving at 9:25am. They will be dismissed at our usual time of 3.10pm.

All students will attend full time from Monday 8th September, when our normal curriculum timetable will begin.

As we approach the start of term, I encourage all parents and carers to use this time to ensure that students are fully equipped for learning. This includes checking that they have the correct **school uniform**, **equipment**, and any other essential items required for their studies. A full list of uniform and equipment expectations can be found on our website.

We appreciate your support in ensuring a smooth and successful start to the new academic year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We look forward to seeing all our students back in school, ready to learn and thrive.

Kind regards

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