

July 2025



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SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to provide you with some important updates for the end of term and the next academic year.

End of term arrangements

The term will end at 12.30pm on Friday 18 July. We have arranged for the buses to collect students at this time. This day will also be a charity non-uniform day where we will raise funds for Cancer Research UK, as requested by some of our students. Contributions will be collected on the school gate as students arrive to school.

New Build

The first phase of the new build is due for completion over the summer break. The Stones building (at the front of school) is being re-purposed to become a designated Science Block. By closing the school at 12.30pm on July 18, it allows us to empty the building to ensure that it is complete and ready for use in September.

The second phase of the new build is on schedule and will be completed over October half term. To allow resources and equipment to be moved across site and into the new building there are three additional days where the school will be closed to students. These are Friday 24 October, Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 November.

Start of term arrangements

The arrangements for the start of the new academic year are shown below.

Monday 1 September	INSET Day (no students in school)
Tuesday 2 September	Year 7 on site by 8.40am Year 12 on site by 9.45am All other year groups are not in school
Wednesday 3 September	Year 7-12 on site by 8.40am Y13 are not in school
Thursday 4 September	All students on site by 8.40am

School Day

Please be reminded that we will operate a new school day from September with students remaining on site an extra 10 minutes until 3.10pm each day. As I have said in previous communication, we will monitor the situation closely, particularly when we move into the new building in November.

Uniform and Equipment

As I have previously communicated, skirts will no longer form part of our school uniform from September 1 2025. Students are able to wear grey or black tailored trousers that have a button and/or zip. **Leggings, jeans, joggers, yoga pants, chinos, jersey material or cropped trousers are not permitted.**

Our expectations for false eyelashes, false nails and piercings remain the same. Therefore, any student in Y7-11 who arrives in September with false eyelashes, false nails or excess piercings (one pair of studs is permitted) will be sanctioned. Please support us in this matter by ensuring that your child meets our expectations so that we can have a smooth and uninterrupted start to the new term.



'Prepare for the road ahead'

Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

We have noticed that an increasing number of students are attending school without the necessary equipment. This means that valuable time at the start of lessons is lost as teachers are required to loan out pens, calculators, PE kit etc. Please support us by ensuring that your child is fully equipped every day. The non-negotiables for equipment are: black pen, red pen, pencil, ruler, calculator, planner, bag, PE kit (on the relevant day), cooking ingredients (on the relevant day). Failure to have this minimum list of items will result in a sanction.

Finally, I wanted to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

If you have any queries, please use the 'contact us' facility on the school website.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Peirson', written in a cursive style.

A Peirson
Headteacher