

1 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I am very much looking forward to welcoming both our existing and new students back to school next week. As a reminder and for your convenience, the return to school information is shown below.

Return to School

School is closed on Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September for staff training/INSET. There is a staggered start to the new term in September.

- **Year 7, Year 12, and Year 13 return to School on Monday 7 September (Week 1)**
- **Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, and Year 11 return to School on Tuesday 8 September (Week 1)**

The specific details and timings are as follows:

Main School

Monday 7 September (Year 7 only). Year 7s should arrive by 08:25 to be seated in the hall for a 08:30 start. Year 7 students will be in school until 15:15.

Tuesday 8 September (All year groups in as normal). All students from Year 7 through to Year 11 will be in school from 08:30 until 15:15.

Sixth Form

Monday 7 September. Year 12 will be arriving by 08:45 to be seated in the Main Hall for a 09:00 start. Year 13 will be arriving by 10:45 to be seated in the Sixth Form Common room for a 11:00 start.

Tuesday 8 September. All students in Year 12 and Year 13 will be in school from 08:30 until 15:15.

Summer Examinations

We were delighted to be able to celebrate some fantastic A Level and GCSE results this summer.

A Level /Level 3

Please note that the A Level/Level 3 results are already out of date as we have had some positive remark outcomes.

- A* are up to 11.8% from 7.6%
- A/A* are up to 31.6% from 26.9%
- B+ up to 61.2% from 57.1%
- C+ down to 82.3% from 82.4%
- E+ up to 98.5% from 97.8%

GCSE/Level 2

Please note that the Progress 8 score will not be published this year, due to the cohort not sitting KS2 SATS during the pandemic. The Progress 8 score will return in 2027.

- Attainment 8 Overall 5.3
- % 4+ GCSE English & Math 73.9%
- % 5+ GCSE English & Math 60.1%
- % 7+ GCSE English & Math 18.1%

I am incredibly proud of our staff and students and incredibly grateful for the support of our parent/carer body. The outcomes are a true testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff, the support and encouragement of our parents and carers, and, most of all, our fantastic students, of whom we are immensely proud. Our Alive curriculum is designed to enable our students to develop the skills, knowledge, and Alive qualities so that they can be fully rounded people and make their unique contribution to the world. We are equally proud of the character and qualities of our students as they move onto the next stage of their journey.

This has truly been a team effort which would not be possible without the great work that takes place in the classroom and that is supported by our non-teaching staff. I would like to put on record my thanks to Mr Shaw, Miss Foster and the Sixth Form team for such a fantastic set of Post 16 results and to Mr Taylor, Ms Sainsbury, Mrs Jakubowska and the Year 11 Team results for the great GCSE/Level 2 outcomes.

We will update our website in due course to provide more information about the summer outcomes, including outcomes for subjects beyond English and Maths.

Best regards



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Headteacher