

8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some changes to our published term dates for the 2026–2027 academic year.

These adjustments are being made to enable us to finish earlier in the summer term, bringing us in line with local schools. We believe this will have a positive impact on attendance, maximise curriculum time, and ultimately support improved outcomes for students.

The school website will be updated to reflect the revised dates. In summary, key changes include:

- A revised structure to the start of term in September, including staggered arrangements and induction time.
- Year 11 academic review sessions built into the start of the academic year and in January.
- An earlier final day of term in July.

Please pay particular attention to the start-of-term arrangements, as these differ from previous years. Further detail regarding September arrangements will be shared later this term to ensure all families are clear on expectations.

*Previous dates:*

<b>Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 26</b>	<b>Start of term. Inset day</b>
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> sept</b>	<b>Year 7 induction day all day</b>
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> sept</b>	<b>First day all year groups all day</b>
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Inset day</b>
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Final day of term</b>

*Adapted dates:*

<b>Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 26</b>	<b>Start of term. Year 11 Academic review (2.5 hours)</b>
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> sept</b>	<b>Year 7 induction day (3 hours)</b>
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> sept</b>	<b>First day all year groups all day (staggered only assembly and tutor time)</b>
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Year 11 academic review day (2.5 ours)</b>
<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Final day of term</b>

In addition, we are currently consulting with staff on a proposal to introduce an earlier finish each Wednesday for students.

This would allow for more impactful staff development and training, in line with practice in other schools. It would also provide dedicated time for targeted student support on Wednesday afternoons, meaning that students would not need to be removed from important curriculum lessons during the week.

Under this proposal **on Wednesdays:**

- Students (except those attending detentions) would finish at **2:15pm** instead of 3:00pm.
- The school day would begin **5 minutes earlier**, so students would need to be on site by **8:25am**, ready for line-up/tutor time at 8:35am.

No final decision has yet been made, and we will communicate the outcome of this consultation with you as soon as it is complete.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Emma Thurston', with a long, sweeping tail that ends in a small loop.

Emma Thurston  
Headteacher