



18 July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As we end the school year, we would like to update you with some key information in preparation for September.

The School Day

From September the school day will start at 8.45am for all students. Students should arrive at school from 8.35am and breakfast club will be available to all students from 8.25am. Food will be available from the canteen both at break and lunchtime. The school day will end at 3.15pm.

Attendance

When we return in September, there will be changes to how schools record attendance. There will also be changes to the fines which can be issued for non-attendance at school. This is following a published document issued by the Department for Education earlier this year.

A full guide for parents is available here: [Guide for Parents on School Attendance 2024](#)

One of the key implications of this new guidance is the way in which schools manage and record holidays taken during term time. Currently, parents inform the school of intended holidays and may seek permission for the holiday to be approved by the school. Under the new guidance this will not be possible as schools are no longer able to use an approved code enabling this. Consequently, it will mean that all holidays taken during term time will be recorded as unauthorised. We would still ask that you inform us of your intention to take your child on holiday during term time to aid with our safeguarding responsibilities within school. As always, we would also encourage parents to ensure that students do not take holidays during term time. Should you have any questions relating to this change please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Term Dates 2024 - 25

The term dates for students for next year are as follows:

Autumn Term

Tuesday 3 September (Y7 / Y11) / Wednesday 4 September (all students) - Thursday 19 December

Half Term: Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November

Spring Term

Tuesday 7 January - Friday 4 April

Half Term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February

Summer Term

Tuesday 22 April - Friday 18 July

Half Term: Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May

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Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support during this year. The term is ending very positively with the sun shining for our Sports Day! We hope everyone has a great summer break and we look forward to seeing you all in September for the new school year. The new term will start for Year 7 and Year 11 on Tuesday 3 September with all students returning on Wednesday 4 September.

Yours faithfully

Emma Robins
Principal