

27th August 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Start of Year Letter to Parents and Carers

Tuesday 2 September – Important Information

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we prepare to welcome students back to school, we would like to share some important information to ensure a smooth and successful start to the academic year.



Start of Day Arrangements – Tuesday 2 September

To support a calm and well-organised return, students will begin the day at staggered times:

- **Year 7 and Year 11** arrive by **8:30am**
- **Year 9** arrive by **9:30am**
- **Years 8 and 10** arrive by **10:35am**

Please ensure your child arrives promptly for their designated start time.

A reminder that parents/carers must not drive into the school car park to drop off students during the school day, as this poses a safety risk and disrupts school operations.

Uniform Reminders

We are proud of the high standards our students uphold, and uniform plays a key role in this. Please ensure your child is dressed smartly and in full uniform from the first day. The only changes to uniform expectations this year are:

- **Socks** must be **plain white, grey, or black** – no lace or frill detail please
- **Coats** should be **plain, dark in colour**, warm, waterproof and include a hood.

Light jackets or windbreaker-style coats are not suitable. Coats must fit comfortably over the full uniform, including the blazer.



Full uniform guidance is available on our website.

**CARING, LEARNING
AND SUCCEEDING**

Attendance Matters



Excellent attendance is crucial for academic success and personal development. Students with **over 95% attendance** consistently achieve better GCSE results and develop the habits needed for future employment. We are committed to working with all families to support high attendance and have **high ambitions for every student**.

Last year, we noticed a pattern of increased absence on **Fridays**, which significantly impacted learning. This year, we are launching our '**Flourishing Fridays**' programme – a series of events and rewards designed to encourage full attendance and make every day count.

Final Notes

We are excited to begin this new academic year and look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's success. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or need further support.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Galbraith
Headteacher