

5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn 1 Week 1

Welcome back and well done!



As we come to the end of the first week of the new school year, I want to take a moment to congratulate all our students on their exemplary return to school.

Their ambition to be the best version of themselves has been evident in every corridor and classroom. From their exceptionally smart uniform to their outstanding attitude to learning, it has been a joy to see them settle back into school life with such positivity and purpose.

We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all new students, parents, and staff who have joined our school community this term. We wish you every success for the future and look forward to working together to support your journey.

Attendance Matters



As I mentioned in my return to school letter, strong school attendance - on all five days of the week, really does make a difference. We have noticed a pattern of more frequent absence on Fridays, and the impact of that lost learning is a concern.

National data shows that pupils with attendance **above 95%** are significantly more likely to achieve strong GCSE outcomes, while those with attendance **below 90%** see a marked drop in performance.

Every day and every lesson counts.

We are committed to working with all of our families to support high attendance and have **high ambitions for every student**. If you feel we could support you with your child's attendance to school, please contact us at school.

 **CARING, LEARNING
AND SUCCEEDING**

Our theme for the half term – Friendship

Our theme for this half term is **Friendship**. As I said to the students in our welcome back assembly on Tuesday, the best—and sometimes the worst—influence students have in school is each other. The way our students interact, as friends and fellow students, can and will have a huge impact on their ambitions and success. So, we encourage them to be kind, to be courageous, and to be the positive influence that others need. In a world that can often feel disrupted, this is one of the kindest and most powerful things they can do.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish all our students the very best of luck for the school year ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Galbraith
Headteacher

