

24th April 2026

Dear parents and carers

End of Week One – Summer Term 2025

I hope this letter finds you well and that your children have had a positive first week back with us. It has been wonderful to welcome our school community back through the doors, and there is a real sense of energy and purpose as we begin this final term of the academic year together.

Our Summer Term Theme: Creativity, Uniqueness and Kindness

This term, our whole-school theme is **Creativity, Uniqueness and Kindness**. This is a theme that sits alongside our Christian ethos and our school charter of caring, learning and succeeding. We believe deeply that every single member of our school community – every student, every member of staff, every family – is uniquely and wonderfully made, with something precious to offer the world.

Over the coming weeks, students will be exploring what it means to express themselves creatively, to celebrate what makes them and others unique, and to choose kindness in all they do. We will be weaving this theme through lessons, collective worship, form time and the wider life of the school.

Three Key Messages for Our Students

As we launch this theme, we are encouraging all of our students to focus on three important messages. We would love for these to be conversations you can continue at home:

1. **Value and respect uniqueness.** We are asking students to recognise and celebrate the fact that every person is different – and that those differences are something to be cherished, not mocked or minimised. Whether it is in personality, interests, background, ability or appearance, our differences are what make our community rich and vibrant. We want every young person in our care to feel seen, valued and respected for exactly who they are.
2. **Use words to be kind and to build others up.** Words have enormous power – to encourage, to heal, to uplift, and sadly also to hurt. We are reminding students of the simple but profound principle: *'If you can't say anything kind, then say nothing.'* We will be encouraging young people to think before they speak, both in person and online, and to actively choose words that lift others up rather than tear them down. A kind word costs nothing and can mean everything.
3. **Practise small, daily acts of kindness.** We believe that it is the small, everyday moments that have the greatest power to change the world around us for the better. We are encouraging students to look for simple opportunities each day – holding a door, offering a smile, checking in on a friend, helping at home without being asked – to make the world a little brighter. Kindness is contagious, and it starts with one small act. We would love for you to join us in encouraging this spirit of kindness at home as well as at school.

 **CARING, LEARNING
AND SUCCEEDING**

A Reminder About Good Attendance

As we move into this final and important term, I want to take this opportunity to remind all families of the importance of regular school attendance. Every day in school matters. Research consistently shows that students who attend school regularly achieve better outcomes, build stronger relationships with peers and staff, and develop the resilience and work habits that will serve them throughout their lives.

If your child is absent from school, please ensure you contact the school office promptly on the first day of absence and keep us informed. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact us – we are here to help and to work with you in the best interests of your child.

Year 11 The Final Celebration, Shirt & Book Signing

The annual tradition of a final Year 11 group assembly and shirt/book signing will take place on Tuesday 5th May 2025. This is a joyful event in our school calendar and one that students often look forward to during their time in the school. On this day, students will be allowed to bring an additional shirt and/or leavers book into school for signing. They will be able to gain signatures from others in their school community before school, during social time and during their final assembly.

Written on shirts must not be worn throughout the day – this includes as they exit from the leavers' assembly. Students must follow the school behaviour policy to ensure the day is an enjoyable and positive memory for all. We will remind students of our expectations.

Students will attend their normal lessons on the morning of 5th May, then go to their Final Celebration. The rest of school will participate in the annual 'clap out', which acts as a reminder to our year 11 students that the whole school is behind them, as they embark on their GCSE exams. Those students who purchased leavers hoodies will be allowed to wear them in place of their Year 11 jumper on this day but all remaining uniform must be in line with school policy.

Good Luck to Our GCSE Students

I want to extend a very special message to all of our students who are preparing for their GCSE examinations, which begin very soon. This is the culmination of years of hard work, dedication and perseverance, and we could not be prouder of the young people they have become.

I would particularly like to remind students and families that **Modern Foreign Languages speaking examinations take place next week**. Please ensure students are well-prepared, well-rested and know their exam timetable. Our staff have worked incredibly hard alongside your children to prepare them, and we have every confidence in them.

To all our exam students: go into those exam rooms knowing that you are supported, that you are capable, and that whatever the outcome, we are incredibly proud of you. Work hard, believe in yourself, and do your very best – that is all we ever ask.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership with us.

Yours sincerely
Jane Galbraith
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