

5th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer 2 Week 1

Welcome back to school and to the final half term of the academic year. I hope that you and your families enjoyed a restful break and that pupils have returned refreshed and ready for the busy and rewarding weeks ahead.

Our theme for this half term is **reflection**, and our verse is taken from Proverbs 1:5: “Let the wise listen and add to their understanding.” As we approach the end of the year, it is a fitting time for our whole school community to pause and look back on all that has been achieved, to give thanks for how far our pupils have grown, and to think carefully about the goals we still hope to reach before the summer. We will be encouraging pupils to reflect on their learning, their relationships, and their contribution to school life, and to set themselves clear intentions for these final weeks so that they finish the school year as strongly as possible.

Exams update

Our Year 11 pupils continue to approach the demands of exam season with real maturity and determination, and we could not be prouder of them. The end is now in sight: for most pupils, exams will finish on Monday 15th June. We would encourage families to keep supporting good routines, rest, and revision over these final days. Please continue to check the schedule we have shared for the dates and times of remaining exams. If we can support you or your child in any way through this final stretch, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Homework – Pupil Voice

Before the break, we asked pupils across all year groups to share their views on homework, and we were delighted that more than 500 pupils responded. Their feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Pupils told us that homework is set regularly, that the amount feels about right, that Satchel One is easy to use and helps them stay organised, and that tasks link well to their learning in lessons. Pupils particularly enjoyed the creative and project-based work, especially in Year 7.

Pupils also offered thoughtful suggestions for how we can keep improving, and we have listened. You can read more about what pupils told us, and the steps we are taking in response, in our **Homework Update** newsletter, which accompanies this letter.

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Explore Xtra – extra-curricular clubs

Our extra-curricular programme is in full swing again this half term with a packed Explore Xtra timetable, and there really is something for everyone. Activities on offer include a wide range of sport (rugby, football, basketball, dodgeball, kick rounders, and fitness), as well as Just Dance, drama, coding, LEGO Technic, craft, careers drop-ins, our daily Reading Room, and lunchtime History clubs. At Key Stage 4, the Year 10 Portrait Masterclass runs on Fridays. We warmly encourage every pupil to get involved and to make the most of these opportunities. The full **Explore Xtra** timetable for Summer Term 2 is attached.

Trip: Year 8 to The Big Bang Fair – NEC Birmingham – Thursday 11th June 2026

A reminder that our Year 8 pupils have been invited to The Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham on Thursday 11th June 2026, where they will enjoy hands-on workshops, activities, and live shows alongside other schools from across the country.

Looking ahead, there is a great deal to look forward to this term. Please keep an eye out for further information about the many exciting events and trips we have planned in the coming weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Galbraith
Headteacher