

27th August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Start of Year Letter to Parents and Carers

Wednesday 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 – Wednesday 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 **8:30 am**
- **Year 9** arrive by **9:30 am**
- **Years 8 and 10** arrive by **10:35 am**

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

Please remember that parents and 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.

New Uniform Reminders

We are looking forward to seeing all our students back in school and in their new uniforms. We are proud of the high standards our students uphold and how smart they look, and uniform plays a key role in this. Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct new uniform from the first day.

- **Navy blue Lowton jumper** (blazers are no longer part of our school uniform)
- **Plain black school trousers** (knee length school skirts and/or grey trousers are permitted for Years 8-11)
- **Plain blue shirt**
- **Year group tie**
- **Black shoes**
- **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.



Full uniform guidance is available on our website.

**CARING, LEARNING
AND SUCCEEDING**

Parent Guide for 2026-27

Following feedback from our recent parent survey, we are delighted to introduce our new Parent Guide, designed to support effective home-school communication. This handy one-stop shop brings together all the key school information you need at a glance, from term dates to daily routines and everything in between. The guide will be available on our website, and paper copies will also be sent home with your child. To help you get the most out of it, I will be explaining the guide in more detail at a series of welcome webinars taking place at the start of the new school year, with invitations to follow in early September. We hope this new resource makes staying connected with school life even easier for you.

Mobile Phones in School

We would also like to let you know that, in line with government guidance, our school will be introducing a no mobile phones policy this term. This change is designed to support pupils' wellbeing, concentration and safety during the school day. We will be sharing detailed information about how this will work in practice with both pupils and parents in early September, ahead of the policy coming into effect.

A new year...

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