

17th July 2026

Return to school in September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although the summer holiday has only just begun, we know that the start of the new academic year will soon be upon us. To help everyone make a smooth and successful return in September, we wanted to share a few important reminders now, while there is still plenty of time to prepare.

Students in Years 8–11 return to school at **8.25am on Monday 7 September**, and we look forward to welcoming them back after the summer break. As part of our expectation that every student is **'Ready from the Gate'**, we expect all students to arrive on the first day fully prepared to learn and ready to make a positive start to the new academic year. All students are expected to arrive fully equipped for learning and in full compliance with the school's uniform policy. The summer holiday is not an acceptable reason for returning with dyed hair, false nails, inappropriate piercings or any other breach of our uniform expectations. Full details of the uniform policy are available on the school website.

In addition to our existing expectations, students must now have their mobile phone secured in their phone pouch before entering the school site. Any student found using their phone after entering the school grounds, including before the start of the school day, will have it confiscated in line with the school's policy.

Students will also be issued with a school journal and will be expected to carry it with them at all times. Homework should be recorded in the journal, and we ask parents and carers to check and sign it each week to support their child's organisation and learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the school and your child throughout this academic year. I wish all members of our community a relaxing, enjoyable and safe summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming our students back in September.

Your faithfully,



Mr D McLoughlin

Deputy Headteacher