



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

End of Summer Term and Start of Autumn Term 2024 Arrangements

As we near the end of this school term, I would like to thank you all for your support during this academic year. I can say on behalf of all the staff that the students have been a credit to the school and their families this year, evident by the packed celebration assemblies that we are enjoying this week, rewarding academic and personal development, our PRIDE values and participation in school life.

I would also like to thank all staff at the school this year for their dedication to our students and families. Students have been enjoying enrichment activities and school trips to ensure a well-rounded and holistic provision, all of which has been showcased in our newsletters. Staff support for our exam groups and the pastoral care provided has been exceptional and I wish them all a relaxing summer break. We wish all staff leaving us all the very best for the future and especially those who have been long serving including Mr Boast, who many of you will know.

We are fully staffed for August, with subject specialists in all areas, with some of our own staff promoted due to their significant impact on student experience. Students have already met their new year teams and year leaders will have already introduced themselves over the past week.

Students will finish this academic year on Friday 12th July at 12.30pm. The last day of term, is also a non-uniform day, in support of Marlow and Katie's Year 10 fundraising mission for three cancer charities. There is a suggested donation of £2, which can be paid in advance via Parent Pay, or a cash donation can be made on the day. We are incredibly proud of how supportive our community has been and would like to thank everyone for supporting our wonderful students and this charitable cause.

Next Year

Use of Class Charts

All communication to parents next year regarding rewards and sanctions for our students will come to you via the Class Charts App. This has worked really well this year and parents have been pleased with seeing live all the PRIDE rewards, and equally being able to closely monitor as and when things go wrong. In order to deal more effectively with sanctioning behaviour that goes against our expectations, we will be operating a SAME DAY after school detention system (from 15 minutes to 1 hour). We thank you in advance for supporting this change.

Most of you have Class Charts already downloaded, however if you are having difficulties please contact us to let us know.

[Class Charts for parents guide.pdf](#)

Return to School Arrangements for 2024-25

We are welcoming our students back to school next term as follows:

- **Wednesday 28th August**
 - Year 7, 11 and 12 only at 8.30am.

- **Thursday 29th August**
 - All students return for an 8.30am start.

Uniform Reminders

May we also take this opportunity to remind you of our [uniform policy](#). We do not allow under any circumstances false nails, lashes, extreme hair colour, multiple piercings/nose piercings or trainers. Students have been very respectful this year and maintained a good standard. Please support your child by ensuring any of these items have been removed before their return.

Finally, may we take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support this academic year. In particular, we feel incredibly supported by our student's overall attendance rates which have improved greatly on last year. Our students have continuously worn their full uniform with PRIDE as much as they did on their first day, and we look forward to celebrating their hard work this academic year with them tomorrow. Our partnership with yourselves helps to support our journey and reputation in the community and I am sure you will agree, in reading your weekly email messages from your tutor teams, we have much to be proud of this year and have even more exceptional experiences to look forward to as a community in 2024-25.

We wish you a safe and happy summer and look forward to welcoming you back in August.

Your sincerely



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