



4<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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Richard Brand: Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope you and your family have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. Staff are now back at school excitedly preparing for the return of students and I wanted to send a quick letter to remind of the arrangements for the start of term.

### **Start of term for all students Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

All students (Year 7-11) will start back at school in full on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Students should arrive as normal in time for tutor at 0850 in full school uniform. The morning will be spent working through arrangements for the term ahead such as sorting timetables and sharing expectations. In addition, all students will have an assembly and be given a new house tie! Students will go to normal lessons from period 3 onwards. Term dates for Academic Year 2022-3 can be found [here](#).

### **Attendance from day 1**

We are looking to mark the start of the new academic year with a significant push on attendance and we would appreciate your support to help ensure that we work together to ensure your child attends well. The first few days and weeks are particularly important as research suggests that students who miss the first days of school at the beginning of term go on to have poorer attendance overall, compared to their peers. The importance of strong attendance is undeniable with there being a proven link between good attendance and academic performance.

Finally, thank you for those who have been in touch over the summer break to ensure your child is ready for new uniform changes which take effect next week. Admin staff will be available in school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and will be able to help with any queries regarding the new uniform expectations.

We look forward to working with you closely again as we build on last year's successes.

Yours sincerely

**Richard Brand**

Headteacher

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