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Dear Parents/Carers,

Message from Mrs Oakley

The school year is quickly drawing to a close, and it's remarkable how fast the time has passed. Our students have once again demonstrated commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and a positive approach to their studies, actively engaging in the many opportunities available to them. The school is looking forward to our end of term activities, filled with happy students such as the Day to Create, Paultons Park, and Sports Day, all made possible by our dedicated staff.

We extend a special welcome to our new Year 7 parents, who are receiving this communication for the first time. We hope this will give them insight into our plans for the upcoming academic year and help them feel part of our school community.

Reflecting on the past year, we have witnessed numerous achievements, from individual accomplishments to team victories, impressive productions and concerts, captivating dance showcases, enriching day trips and higher education experiences, insightful guest speakers, and engaging Solomon theatre plays. These diverse experiences contribute to a well-rounded education for all our students.

Furthermore, our students' hard work, talent, and enthusiasm have been acknowledged throughout the year, evidenced by an incredible 252,606 positive e-refs, not to mention the numerous postcards sent home. This is a truly outstanding accomplishment!

Getting ready for September

It is very important that we work together and have your full support to ensure that our children have the right attitude for learning, they are treating each other with care and respect and that they are keeping themselves safe online by making good decisions to stay away from damaging online influences. Please help your son or daughter to get off to a really successful start in September by making sure that they have:

- **The basic school equipment:**
 - **3 black and 2 green pens**
 - **2 pencils**
 - **ruler**
 - **rubber**
 - **calculator**
 - **protractor**
 - **compass**
- **A school bag fit for purpose which holds a pencil case, planner, school books, and packed lunch/mobile phone. This can be a backpack or tote/satchel bag with over the shoulder handles**
 - **Correct school uniform (name tags are helpful)**
 - **Correct PE/Dance kit**





E-Safety

As we know when children have free time they often spend it on-line especially when on holiday. To help protect your child from inappropriate online influences over the summer and help them to be in the best frame of mind to learn when back at school, we know that many parents find the following very helpful:

- Limit online time to sensible amounts; only allow age appropriate APPs
- Check devices from time to time, be transparent with your child about it, you are doing it to safeguard them.
- Help ensure a good night's sleep by preventing your child having access to their phone overnight;
- Install age appropriate settings on internet use. The following links provides advice on setting parental controls:
 - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>
 - <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>

End of Term Arrangements

Term ends on Tuesday 22nd July at 12.30pm.

Start of Term Arrangements 2025-26:

For all:

Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd September - CPD days
Friday 5th September - whole school in school.

Year 7:

Wednesday 3rd September - Year 7 Transition Programme
Thursday 4th September - Year 7 Transition Programme

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Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th September - 'Meeting Me' conversations between tutor and tutees.

- *This has been highly successful over the last few years and students have told us that they wanted to do this again.*
- *As Parents, you told us that you valued the opportunity to discuss matters that were important to you. You also said you found it useful to be able to update tutors with key information and help prepare your child for the year ahead.*

All students are expected to meet their tutor at their identified time. Parents can join either face to face or remotely.

Year 11

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th September

The Year Group will be divided into two groups and complete a 'Meeting Me' conversation with their tutor on one day and on the other day they will be in school all day following our Yr 11 transition day.





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Parent Information event

Welcome to...Year 11

This evening will take place in September on 16th Sept 2025. This evening will be about highlighting the important aspects of the year ahead for this year group.

Staff In-Service Training Days 2025-26

Students will not be in school on the following INSET Days:

Monday 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September

Monday 6th October

Friday 28th November

Monday 29th June

Have the most wonderful summer. As Charles Bowden says, "Summertime is always the best of what might be." Here's hoping!

With best wishes,

Ceri Oakley

Headteacher

