



much more than just a school



Friday 10 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a good break over Easter and look forward to welcoming all students back to school on **Monday 13 April at 8.25am**. After our whole school assembly, students will spend period 1 with their tutors to ensure they are well prepared for the summer term.



The term ahead is an exciting one, with Year 10 and 11 students completing examinations and Year 10 embarking on their two-week work experience placements. Year 8 and 9 students will be finalising GCSE option choices and Year 7 will be completing their final Rich Challenges and preparing for Year 8.



Uniform and Equipment

Please ensure your child arrives to school each day in full uniform, including their phone pouch. All students should wear their blazer to school, but these can be removed in lessons. A reminder of our dress code and equipment is linked here: [Uniform 2025-2026.pdf](#)



The PE quarter zips, chosen by students, are now available to purchase from Skoolkit if you wish to do so. This will be added to our uniform policy as an option instead of a PE hoody for September 2026, but students wishing to do so can wear them sooner.

Year 8 and Year 9 Options choices

It is an exciting time for Years 8 and 9 as they make choices about GCSE study. Many of you joined us last term to hear more about the curriculum range at Options evening. Your children also brought home the Options Booklet to talk through with you in February, it is linked here is you would like a reminder: [Options Booklet 2025 PV. V3.pdf](#) The final deadline for choices is Wednesday 15 April 2026.



If you have any questions at all, please contact Mr Bourton or Mrs Pearce for Year 8 and Mrs Wilson for Year 9.

GCSE Examinations

Most students have already completed at least one practical examination for Catering, Photography, Hair and Beauty, Art, Performing Arts, Technology, and Construction Skills and these continue next week.



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The external GCSE examinations begin formally on 1 May 2026 with Travel and Tourism, and from this point forward they run until the end of June. We have linked the examinations information here as reminder for parents and carers [Year 11 Candidate Handbook for Examinations 25-26 \(Oct 25\).pdf](#)

Thank you for encouraging your children to attend Easter study sessions, they have been working hard and receiving personalised support to help them for the final push towards the exams.

Period 6s continue every day this term and will also be accompanied by daily exam boosters on the day before each formal exam.

Hydration Stations

We have now installed two 'Hydration stations' in our school restaurant for students to use to fill their water bottles before school and at break and lunch times. Students should bring their own bottles to refill. Our student voice team will be delighted as this was their idea.

Attendance Streak for April

Our school attendance continues to improve, and our regular attendance streaks are proving helpful in rewarding great attendance and encouraging everyone to attend each day. Our next attendance streak is 'Active for April' and focusses on supporting good mental health by getting moving, staying hydrated, and connecting with each other.

Daily prizes will be given to two students in each year group drawn from all students who attended the previous day and at the end of the two-week streak, all those who have completed it will be in a draw to select an activity for their whole tutor group. Daily prizes include aluminium water bottles, our new PE quarter zips and various ball games.

We hope this streak will see our highest number of 100% attenders this year! We will update you in our next newsletter.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours Sincerely

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