

16th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. It has already been a really strong start to the summer term. As always summer term is an extremely important period in the academic year for all students, as it marks a crucial phase of preparation for public examinations and end-of-year assessments.

For our year 11's we will be preparing them for the start of their GCSE which will start to commence 4th May 2026. As the GCSE exams roll out, we will be providing targeted support and masterclasses to ensure every student is fully equipped to succeed. Please note that there will be no study leave for Year 11 students until the week commencing 15th June 2026, allowing us to maximise in-school support during this vital time. Additionally, we are pleased to offer breakfast provision for all Year 11 students during the GCSE exam period, helping them start each day focused and ready.

For our primary students, there are several key national assessments approaching:

- Year 6 SATs will take place in the week commencing 11th May 2026
- Year 4 Multiplication Check will take place in the week commencing 1st June 2026 – we strongly encourage regular times tables practice at home
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place in the week commencing 8th June 2026

For our secondary students:

- Key Stage 3 BASE assessments will take place from the week commencing 8th June 2026 and will continue for two weeks
- Year 10 students will sit their first GCSE mock examinations in the week commencing 15th June 2026

It is essential that all students begin preparing now, as regular revision and practice play a key role in strengthening memory and long-term understanding.

In addition, Year 8 Progress Meetings will take place on 23rd April 2026, providing an opportunity to discuss student progress and next steps.

A particular focus this half term will be on the quality of work in students' exercise books. These books are a vital learning tool, helping students revisit and consolidate knowledge built throughout the year. We will be placing increased emphasis on presentation, completeness, and pride in written work across all year groups.

I am delighted to share that our reception children continue to achieve very well in relation to their Early Learning Goals. Their final EYFS profiles will be completed in the week ending 22nd June 2026, and we are incredibly proud of their progress.

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We are also pleased to welcome Mr McDermot, who joins us as the new leader of our Primary phase. I am confident he will make a significant positive impact on the continued development of our younger pupils.

Finally, I would like to inform you that Mrs Helen Williams (who is also our Trust SEND lead) will be acting as our interim SENCo for the Summer Term. She will be working closely with staff and families to ensure all students receive the support they need to succeed.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that every student is well prepared, confident, and ready to achieve their very best.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Rooney
Principal

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