



28th August 2025

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

I hope this letter finds you and your families well, and that you enjoyed the summer break together. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back to school next week, ready for the busy and exciting term ahead. Our aim is to maximise learning time, ensuring that every student is prepared to learn and that classrooms remain calm, focused, and free from unnecessary distractions.

A key part of this is students arriving fully equipped and correctly dressed from the very first day. Please support your child by making sure everything is in place before their return. A full uniform and equipment checklist is attached, but some important reminders are below:

Uniform

- **Footwear:** must be black, leather-look, with no visible logos (Kickers' small green/red tag is acceptable). Trainers or high-top shoes (including high-top Kickers) are not permitted.
- **Socks:** plain white with skirts, no logos. Socks must not be worn with tights. Tights must be black.
- **Jewellery:** no jewellery is permitted. Any piercings must be removed.
- **Blouse/shirt:** please remember that the reverse blouse is no longer part of our uniform. All students must wear a collared blouse/shirt with a WHS tie.

Equipment

Please ensure your child is fully equipped for learning each day, including their new WHS mobile phone pouch (purchased via ParentPay and issued on the first day). Essential items include:

- Whiteboard pen
- Gluestick
- Black or blue pens
- Green pen (for feedback)
- Eraser
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Calculator
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We ask for your full support in maintaining these standards. Arriving in correct uniform and with the right equipment allows us to keep our focus firmly on what matters most: high-quality learning in every lesson.

I am also delighted to share that significant improvements have been made to our school site over the summer. The netball/tennis courts have been resurfaced with new fencing, the hall has been refurbished, and both the foyer and the English corridor have been given a much-needed facelift, with all classrooms in this area refreshed and ready for the new term. The highlight will be our brand-new food technology room, due for completion two weeks into term. This term also sees some important changes:

- Our newly defined **vision and values** will be embedded across the school.
- Our **behaviour policy** has been updated to ensure it remains student-focused and relational. This is available here [Behaviour-Policy-2025-26.pdf](#), and I encourage you to take a look.

- Our **school day structure** has been adjusted: while start and finish times remain unchanged (8.25am–3.05pm), all students will now have lunch at the same time, allowing us to enhance the quality of tutor time.
- Our new **mobile phone policy** begins next week—thank you for ensuring your child has their WHS mobile phone pouch ready.
- We are moving to a new Arbor App for parents and students which replaces Classcharts and will give more information in one place. Please see the letter attached to this email for how to download the new App for Parents and Carers.

Start of Term Arrangements

- **Tuesday 2nd September**
Year 7: 8.20am – 1.00pm
Year 12: 8.45am – 3.05pm

Please be aware that there will be no food available on site for purchase on this day.

- **Wednesday 3rd September**
Year 7: arrive 9.00am
Years 8–11: arrive 9.20am
Years 12–13: arrive 10.15am
All students finish at 3.05pm

From **Thursday 4th September**, the school will follow its normal timetable (8.25am – 3.05pm).

We are excited to welcome our students back and look forward to a productive and successful term ahead.

With best wishes



Ms K Marrill
Principal