



Friday 18 July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this academic year concludes, we celebrate a period of exceptional dedication, diverse talents, and profound community spirit across our school. Our students have achieved numerous brilliant academic and personal milestones, including 76 students attaining 100% attendance, and our Primary phase winning the National School Attendance Award. Academically, our school earned Isaac Physics Gold Level and HPL International Research School status.

Beyond the classroom, students engaged in enriching trips to Rome, Ypres, Munich, Auschwitz, the BFI, Kenya, the National Space Centre, and more. We also welcomed inspiring figures like CCS alumna and MP Gen Kitchen and Team GB swimmer Joe Roebuck.

Community spirit shone brightly through events like the Charity Colour Run for Teenage Cancer Trust, numerous bake sales supporting Macmillan Cancer Trust, Children in Need, Red Nose Day Comic Relief and our very first Cultural Day benefiting Doctors Without Borders.

This year has truly been a testament to the hard work, resilience, and compassion of our entire school community.

September return, staggered start

When we return on **Wednesday 3 September**, there will be a staggered start in operation on the first day for secondary, as detailed below. **Primary children will start as normal at 8:45am.**

Year group	Arrival at school	Assembly	Morning break (20 minutes)	Lunch (55 Minutes)	Tutor time	Finish
Year 7	8:45 am	9:00am	10:30am – 10:50am	11:50am – 12:45pm (packed lunch)	12:50pm	3:10pm
Year 12	9:20 am	9:30am	10:45am – 11:05am	12:45pm – 1:40pm	1:40pm	3:20pm
Year 8	9:50 am	10:00am	10:45am – 11:05am	12:45pm – 1:40pm	1:40pm	3:20pm
Year 9	10:20 am	10:30am	11:30am – 11:50am (No Canteen)	12:45pm – 1:40pm	1:40pm	3:20pm
Year 10	11:00 am	11:10am	No break	12:45pm – 1:40pm	1:40pm	3:20pm
Year 11	11:30 am	11:40am	No break	12:45pm – 1:40pm	1:40pm	3:20pm
Year 13	12:20 pm	12:30pm	No break	12:50pm – 1:40pm	1:40pm	3:20pm

When secondary and sixth form students arrive at school site, they should line up in the "street" (by the main hall) ready for assembly. After the assembly, students will spend the day with their form tutor.

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Structure of the school day

- Classrooms are open to primary students from 8:30am
- Secondary students are to arrive by 8:40am ready for tutor time
- Buildings are open to secondary students from 8:15am
- School day ends at 3:15pm for the primary phase and 3:20pm for the secondary phase

From **Thursday 4th September**, the school day will be slightly different, break time will now be 20 minutes, and lunchtime will be 55 minutes.

Lesson	Time Start:	Time Finish:
Expected to be in school	8:40	8:45
Tutor	8:45	9:05
Lesson 1	9:05	9:55
Lesson 2	9:55	10:45
Break	10:45	11:05
Lesson 3	11:05	11:55
Lesson 4 (Primary lunch starts at 11.30)	11:55	12:45
Secondary Lunch	12:45	1:40
Lesson 5	1:40	2:30
Lesson 6	2:30	3:20

2025-2025 Term dates

Next year, we will be adding a 6th Training Day on Friday 28 November 2025 to provide staff with additional training, focused specifically on improving support for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). This is part of our wider commitment to ensuring every child receives the best possible education and care.

Please see the amended term dates: [Linked Here](#).

Introducing our new principal: Mr Bishop

"It is a real privilege to join such a successful and well-regarded school community. Caroline Chisholm has a strong reputation and a deep commitment to supporting every child to reach their full potential. I am very much looking forward to working with students, staff, and families to build on these excellent foundations and to continue driving the school forward.

In leading the school into its next chapter, I will work hard to ensure that we not only maintain the highest of standards possible, but that we also seek new opportunities to innovate, enrich our curriculum, and support the wellbeing and personal growth of every student.

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As we head into the summer, I hope you and your families enjoy a restful and refreshing break together. I'm excited to begin this journey with you and look forward to getting to know the wider school community in the months ahead." – Mr Chris Bishop

We wish you all a wonderful and restful summer.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cheryl Key
PA to Principal

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