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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It has been a fantastic year, with over 50 educational visits, numerous rewards events, a successful Summer Festival, and outstanding sporting achievements. We would like to congratulate all of our students for their hard work, commitment, and accomplishments throughout the year.

A reminder that on **Friday 17 July 2026**, students will finish school at **12:30 pm**.

Please also note that **Tuesday 1 September** and **Wednesday 2 September 2026** are staff training days, and students are not required to attend school on these dates. The new academic year will begin for students on **Thursday 3 September 2026**, and further details can be found below.

A message from Mrs Jennings

What a fantastic way to finish Year 10! We've received glowing feedback about our students' exceptional behaviour on both the Iceland and Battlefield trips; adventures that have undoubtedly sparked lifelong memories.

Huge congratulations also to everyone who completed their Work Experience. The reports on how well our students embraced these incredible opportunities have been absolutely brilliant.

As we reflect on the achievements of Year 10, I am pleased to introduce our core focus for Year 11:

'My Choices, My Habits, My Future.'

Whilst we cannot predict the exact contents of the exam papers in May and June 2027, our students have complete control over their daily decisions, the routines they establish, and the impact these will have on their long-term goals. Crucially this theme aligns with our whole school values of **aspiration, belonging and collaboration**.

Belonging and 'My Choices'

When students feel valued and connected with friendship circles, tutor groups, and subject classes, they develop the confidence to make positive decisions. Choosing to support one another, engage fully in lessons, eliminate low-level disruption, and respect our environment all stem from a deep sense of belonging. The choices our students make have the power to protect and uplift the entire Year 11 community.

Collaboration and 'My Habits'

Individual choice is just the starting point. To transform these choices into lasting positive habits, we must embrace collaboration. Success in Year 11 is a collective team effort. Building strong daily routines, such as consistent revision, excellent punctuality and active lesson participation becomes much easier when students work together, hold each other accountable and partner closely with their teachers and support network.

Aspiration and 'My Future'

Ultimately, these daily choices and sustained habits shape each student's future. To ensure this future is bright, it must be driven by high aspiration. For our students, aspiration means refusing to settle for the bare minimum. It means aiming for the highest academic grades, securing top post-16 placements and paving the way for fulfilling future careers.

Maintaining momentum over the Summer

The summer break offers a well-deserved opportunity for your child to rest and recharge.

However, maintaining academic momentum is essential. I highly encourage you to support your child in spending some time reviewing their Year 10 lesson notes, organising a quiet study space, and finalising post-16 destination research.

Year 11 will be fast paced, leaving no room for complacency. However, when intentional **CHOICES** and collaborative **HABITS** meet high aspiration, every student can secure the **FUTURE** they deserve.

Thank you for your continued partnership; I look forward to working closely with you and your child over the coming year to ensure their success.

Please see below for key dates:

14th October 2026: Year 11 Parent Information Evening

4th November 2026: 6th Form Opening Evening

30th November - 16th December 2026: Year 11 Trial Exams

17th December 2026: Year 11 Reward Trip

3rd and 4th February 2027: Year 11 Subject Parents' Evenings

10th May - 18th June 2027: GCSE Examinations

23rd June: Contingency Day

1st July: Year 11 Prom at Drayton Manor

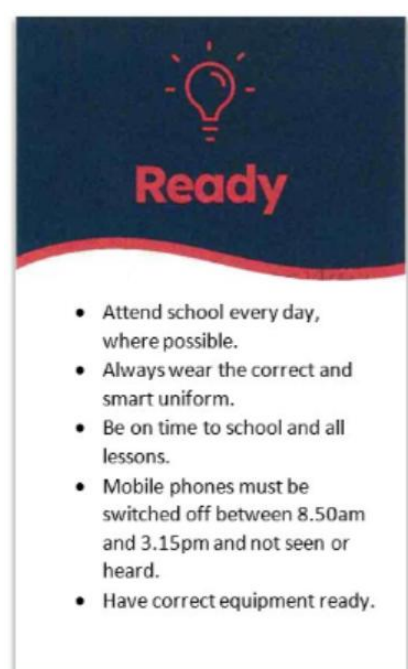
Student Induction Day

All students will return to school on **Thursday 3rd September 2026** for an induction day. Each year group will have a bespoke set of activities tailored to their particular needs. The induction day will focus on developing the key skills that students in each year group will require in order to be successful in their forthcoming year of studies.

To provide our new Year 7 students with a less congested start and finish to their first day in school, we will be staggering the timetable for other year groups. Students must go to Bader Dining Room if they arrive early or need to wait for transport at the end of the day.

Here are the timings of the day (more detailed information will be sent out to students via Satchel One):

YEAR GROUP	START	FINISH
YEAR 7	08:50	15:15
YEAR 8	09:10	14:45
YEAR 9	09:40	14:45
YEAR 10	10:10	14:15
YEAR 11	10:10	14:15
YEAR 12	08:50	15:15
YEAR 13	09:40	12:30



One of our key areas of the code of conduct is “Ready.” Please take the time to read through the following advice so that students are “Ready” for the new term.

Mobile phones

We would like to thank you for your support with mobile phones and ensuring that all students have these turned off and placed in their school bag. This follows government guidance and students have had multiple reminders about where to switch phones off before entering the school site. **From 8.45am – 3.15pm phones should not be *seen or heard* and must be *turned off and kept in bags, not pockets or blazers*.** Students are not therefore permitted to use their phone to look at their timetable or to find out the time. We advise that students keep a copy of their timetable in their planner or bag and that they wear an inexpensive wristwatch to school. Students who break this rule will have their phone confiscated, a detention set, and parents/carers will need to collect this from main reception. Once again thank you for your support with this.

Uniform

To assist parents and carers in ensuring students have the correct uniform for September, please view our guidance on the school website [Uniform - King Edward VI](#). We would ask all parents and carers to check that items of uniform are in line with our expectations for uniform. Please pay particular attention to the guidelines regarding skirts, trousers and footwear, to ensure that your purchases meet the criteria set by the school.

Equipment

As part of our commitment to ensuring the highest standards, each student should have a pencil case containing basic equipment to support their learning and examinations. The school information pack and posters in classrooms state that all students should have at least:

- Two pens
- A green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Highlighter
- Glue stick
- Mathematical equipment e.g. Scientific Calculator – the advised model is Casio Classwizz

Desirable items include:

- Eraser and sharpener
- Small school safety scissors

ParentPay

Before the summer break, please take a moment to check your ParentPay account and, where possible, add credit ready for the start of the new academic year. This helps us to ensure that payments for school meals, can be processed smoothly from the first day of term.

We wish all of our families a restful summer break.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Jennings

Achievement Leader



Mr Larkin

Assistant Headteacher Community



Miss Hinz

Assistant Headteacher Inclusion