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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 Mr Smith

In September, your child will begin their GCSE courses and embark on an exciting new stage of their educational journey. Following the departure of Mr Tizard, I will be taking on the role of Year 10 Achievement Leader.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that I am committed to supporting your child throughout this important transition and helping them to thrive as they move into Key Stage 4. I look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your child has a successful and positive start to Year 10.

Working alongside our dedicated team of form tutors, our aim is to build upon the school's values and provide every student with the support they need to flourish. We want all students to develop a strong sense of belonging, work collaboratively with others, and maintain high aspirations both inside and outside the classroom.

As your child enters Key Stage 4, they will experience many changes, including new classes and teachers, increased academic expectations, international trips, and a wide range of extracurricular opportunities. I am confident that they will embrace these opportunities and challenges with enthusiasm and determination. One key message I would like to share is that students who work consistently and diligently throughout Key Stage 4 are often those who achieve the greatest success at the end of their GCSE courses. Excellent attendance will also play a vital role in supporting this success.

I am excited about the opportunity to work closely with you and your child over the next two years, supporting them through their GCSE studies and helping them develop the resilience and confidence needed to overcome challenges. I

have already been impressed by this year group's commitment to life beyond the classroom, whether in sport, music, drama, or other activities, and I am committed to ensuring that they continue to achieve and excel in these areas alongside their academic studies.

I hope that you and your family enjoy a restful and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to welcoming our Year 10 students back to school in September.

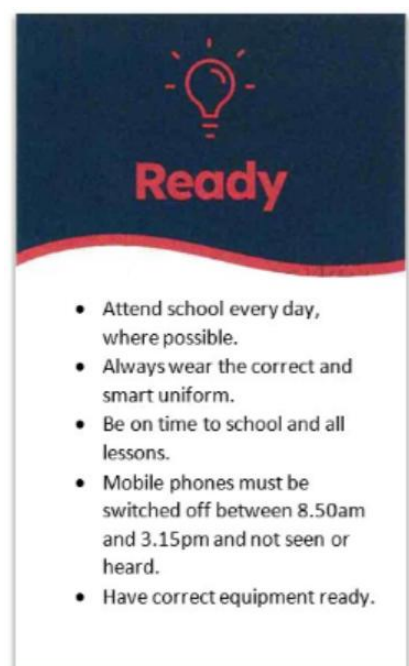
Student Induction Day

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,



Mr Smith
Achievement Leader



Mr Larkin
Assistant Headteacher Community



Miss Hinz
Assistant Headteacher Inclusion