

22nd April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. Welcome back to the summer term.

I would like to begin by congratulating our Year 11 students who gave up time during the holiday to attend revision sessions in preparation for their final examinations. Their commitment and determination have been fantastic to see, and we wish them every success as they move into the exam season. I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the staff who led and supported these sessions - your dedication and support make a real difference to our students.


This week also marks the start of the Art and Photography examinations, and we wish all students involved the very best of luck.


I am pleased to welcome Mr Gladwin, who joins us as a new Maths teacher. Mr Gladwin is an experienced Maths specialist, and we are delighted to have him teaching and supporting our students.

At the same time, we say goodbye to Miss Ferguson and Miss Sapherson from our pastoral team, who will be leaving us next week to take up new opportunities. We thank them both for their valuable contributions to school life and wish them every success in the future. We will be joined by new pastoral members of staff over the next few weeks, and I will introduce them to you as they start. In the meantime, please continue to use Mrs Melia as your first point of contact for any pastoral matters for Year 9 and Year 8.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have been in touch with questions regarding mobile phones. A separate communication addressing these questions, along with the timeline for next steps, will be shared shortly.

As promised, I would also like to invite you to a Parent Engagement Evening focusing on young people's mental health, including the impact and use of social media. This session will be led by Olly Welsby, Lead Consultant from Brightcore, an organisation specialising in mental health and safeguarding for young people. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions regarding the school's phone policy, including the use of Yondr pouches.

 Date: 28 April

 Time: 5.00pm

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We very much hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be an informative and valuable evening.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you and your children a positive and successful term ahead.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "N Daniels". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the "Yours sincerely" text.

Mrs N Daniels
Headteacher