



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support in helping us uphold our no mobile phone policy. Students have responded exceptionally well to these expectations, which align with the Government's guidance on mobile phone use in schools. Teaching and learning remain at the heart of everything we do, and the absence of mobile phones during the school day has significantly reduced distractions, allowing students to focus more fully on their learning.

Uniform standards continue to be a key focus in tutor time, assemblies and around the school. Our expectations are clear: shirts should be tucked in, blazers should be worn at all times outside the classroom, and shoes rather than trainers should be worn. Staff will continue to permit students to remove blazers during lessons when appropriate; however, blazers should be put back on when leaving the classroom.

For health and safety reasons, we also maintain a no-jewellery policy. In addition, eyelashes should remain natural in appearance; if they are particularly noticeable, they are unlikely to meet our expectations. Over the coming weeks, we will be introducing a Uniform Standards Card to help reinforce our high expectations regarding presentation. This will be accompanied by a rewards system that recognises students who consistently demonstrate exemplary standards. Further information, including the rationale, process and examples, will be shared within the next two weeks.

I am delighted to share that we now have full access to D Block following the successful completion of roof repairs. D Block is home to our SEND Department, Library, Careers Office, Ethos Room, Staff Room, two newly refurbished toilet facilities and a number of classrooms used by the Mathematics, Humanities, IT and Art departments.

We have also regained access to the third floor of A Block following extensive work to suspended ceilings and electrical wiring. In addition, part of the ground floor of A Block will reopen on 5 October 2026, bringing the pupil and staff toilet facilities, Exams Office and stairwell back into use. This will allow us to return to the normal one-way stair system, with one staircase designated for going up and the other for coming down. Thank you for your patience, understanding and resilience while these essential improvements have been completed.

I would also like to congratulate, once again, all of the award winners recognised at last Thursday's Rewards Evening. It was a wonderful occasion filled with celebration, applause and heartfelt tributes to the effort, determination and success of so many of our students. We are incredibly proud of all that they have achieved.

Our Open Evening will take place on Thursday 1 October 2026 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Thank you to the many students who have already volunteered to support the event. Their willingness to represent our school is a wonderful example of the strength of our community and the pride they take in their school.



Finally, please note that Friday 2 October 2026 is an INSET Day and the school will therefore be closed to students. We have also designated the two days immediately before the October half-term break as INSET Days, allowing staff additional professional development time throughout the academic year. As a result, students will break up for half term at the end of the day on Wednesday 21 October 2026 and will return to school on Monday 2 November 2026.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Darren Turner  
Executive Principal

