

13 September 2024

Dear parents/carers,

We have continued to have a wonderful start to the school year, students have conducted themselves incredibly well and have transitioned well from the summer holidays to being back in school. It has been a pleasure to see the hard work of students in lessons, and the high quality of work being produced. Thank you for your support in making this happen.

School day timings

There have been some queries from parents about the process at the start of the school day for students. It is as follows -

08:20 - Entrance gate is opened for all students to come on to school premises. Students will wait outside the building until 08:37.

08:37 - Students enter the school via their year group entrance and head straight to base group time.

08:38 - The entrance gate is closed. Any student arriving after this time will be late to school, and will have to enter via student reception.

0840 - Base group time begins.

Students accessing Soft Start or the Support Centre

The doors to the Student Reception will open at 08:37. The attendance team will mark their arrival on the register. If students are accessing Soft Start or the Support Centre, a member of staff will collect them from Student Reception and escort them to the correct room at 08:40.

Students who are late to school

Students who arrive late to school will need to enter via the new Student Reception. Here, the attendance team will mark their arrival on the register and sign students' planner with the time they entered the school.

Students who have medical appointments

Students who have medical appointments during the school day will need to exit the school via the Student Reception. The attendance team will sign them out of the building and update the register. A parent or carer collecting a student for an appointment will please need to wait outside the Student Reception doors.

Uniform expectations



We have high expectations of student uniform, a huge thank you to all students who have adhered to these since the start of term. A full list of our uniform requirements can be found [on our website](#). We are having a big push on students having their shirts tucked in. We expect students to have their shirts tucked in whilst they are on school site (unless playing sports at break/lunch). Please reiterate this message to them at home also.

MCAS

Please can you check students My Child At School (MCAS) details to make sure they are complete/correct. Please advise us of any food allergies/dietary requirements of your children.

Academy council meeting

We will be hosting our first academy council meeting of the year on Wednesday 18th September from 17:30-18:30. The agenda items are below. This will be circulated again next week and include a link to join the meeting virtually if you are unable to attend in person.

- School day timings
- Homework
- Uniform
- Staffing update
- Rewards and behaviour
- AOB

Parent carer evenings / book looks

A full list of parent carer evenings and book looks are below. More information will be shared closer to the time with how to book appointments.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Settling in evening - 03/10/24	Book look - 20/01/25	Parent/carer evening - 16/01/25	Parent/carer evening - 14/11/24	Parent/carer evening - 19/09/24
Book look - 18/11/24	Parent/carer evening - 20/03/25	Book look - 10/03/25	Virtual Year 10 Revision Skills and Exams info evening (for parents) - 01/05/25	Virtual Year 11 Revision Skills and Exams info evening (for parents) - 28/11/24
Parent/carer evening - 15/05/25		Options evening - date tbc - May '25	Book look - 12/05/25	Parent/carer evening - 13/02/25

School website

If you have not seen the updated school website please take some time to look through it. This is now full with all the information about the school. It will include



up to date letters and information that has been sent home through the week.
Please navigate to each year group via the tabs at the top of the website.
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Fox
Co-Principal

