



13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

It has been a positive start to 2026, and I am delighted that we are ending this half term by marking the success of all students through our celebration assemblies. It was a pleasure to see so many students awarded certificates for effort and excellence across all subjects, as well as achievements outside the classroom with their participation in extra-curricular activities.

I was delighted to see so many students achieve awards for attendance, punctuality and excellent school uniform. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers who support the school by ensuring their child arrives on time, in full school uniform (including a school bag) and fully equipped. This does really set them up for a positive start to the day.

I have included our usual key dates and upcoming events for you reference and some important notices. We look forward to seeing all students after the half term break.

Yours sincerely,

GURPREET BASRA  
Headteacher

### **RAMADAN/SCHOOL DAY - MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

As usual, during Ramdan the school has taken the decision to reduce lunchtime to 30 minutes. This means the school day for students will finish at the following times:

Monday and Tuesday – 3:00pm  
Wednesday – 3:30pm  
Thursday and Friday – 2:35pm

Detentions and the library will continue to operate. The normal school day will resume on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Please note that no curriculum time is lost with this change, and all students will be expected to follow the curriculum, including PE, Drama and Music, as normal during Ramadan.

## **OTHER KEY DATES & REMINDERS**

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>School open to all students</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	<b>Year 11 Core Mock Exam Assessment Week.</b> All Year 11 students have been provided with the exam timetable for this week. They must bring in revision/resources for sessions when they do not have exams.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March – Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 11 Hospitality and Catering Practical Exams continue.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>Training Day – school closed to students</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 9 Parents Evening 4pm-7:00pm. School closes to all students at 2:15pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 11 Drama Exam
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March– Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>School open to all students</b>

## **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

Please note that all pupils should enter the building by 8:40am through the playground doors and will be recorded as late beyond this time. We expect all children to have excellent attendance to school. Parents and carers of any child not in school will be telephoned at the beginning of the day.

## **PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

Please park in the designated parking spaces outside of school and **not illegally around the school gates**. We have had several complaints from neighbours of cars blocking driveways and other vehicle access points. This also creates a real danger to pedestrians, including our children, when they are leaving school or crossing the road. Please be considerate of others within our community.

## **BEHAVIOUR IN THE COMMUNITY & LOCAL BUSINESS**

Please can parents and carers remind students of the importance of behaving safely on the way to and from school, for example when crossing roads, in parks and in looking after the community. Pupils should not loiter outside the school gates, or local businesses and they should be mindful of local residents and members of the public at all times.

## **UNIFORM**

We continue to expect high standards of uniform from pupils and the vast majority of pupils meet our expected standards. However, we need to remind pupils that they need to wear black leather shoes (not boots, trainers or canvas shoes); loose fitted trousers or skirts to an appropriate length (no jeans, leggings or rolled up trousers); no jewellery other than plain stud earrings and no excessive makeup. Please see the school website for further information.