



13 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: End of Summer Term Reflections and September Arrangements

As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership. The summer term has been a particularly positive one, with students demonstrating maturity, kindness and a strong commitment to our school virtues. It has been wonderful to see students embracing opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, contributing to the warm and purposeful atmosphere that makes our school community so special.

As we look ahead to September, we are excited to welcome students back and support them through the next stage of their educational journey. Whether students are moving into a new year group, joining us in Year 7 or Year 12, or preparing for important examination years, we are confident that they will build on the many successes of this year. Transitions are an important opportunity for growth, and we are proud of how positively our students have approached change and new challenges throughout the year.

End of Term Arrangements

As we approach the end of term, we would like to remind you that school will close on Friday 17 July 2026 for the summer break. There will be a staggered dismissal between 12:00 and 12:20pm for students in Years 7–11. Sixth Form students will be dismissed by their tutors separately.

September Arrangements

We are excited to welcome all students back in September, including our returning students and new Year 7 and Year 12 cohorts. To ensure a smooth start, we will be operating a staggered return and finish. During this time, students will receive important information such as timetables and year-specific guidance.

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Tuesday 1 September 2026

- **Staff Development Day** – *No students in school.*

Wednesday 2 September 2026

- **Staggered Start for Students**

Please see the schedule below for arrival and departure times:

Year Group	Arrival Time	Departure Time
Year 7	8:30am	2:20pm
Year 8	1:30pm	3:10pm
Year 9	1:30pm	3:10pm

Year 10	11:00am	12:40pm
Year 11	11:00am	12:40pm
Year 12	8:30am	12:40pm
Year 13	1:30pm	3:10pm

Arrival Instructions:

- Year 7: Report to the Main Hall (Staff and students will be present to help direct Year 7).
- Sixth Form (Years 12 & 13): Go to the Sixth Form Common Room.
- All other year groups: Line up on the playground in designated fire drill positions.

Thursday 3 September 2026

- All students return – *Arrive by 8:30am.*

Positive Behaviour and Character Development

Our Character Virtues—Compassion, Resilience, Integrity, Teamwork and Curiosity—continue to be at the heart of school life. Throughout the Summer Term, students have consistently demonstrated these values in lessons, around the school site and within the wider community. Their excellent conduct, positive attitudes and respectful relationships have been noted by staff and visitors alike, and we are incredibly proud of how they represent the school.

The overwhelmingly positive behaviour displayed by our students has contributed to a calm, safe and productive learning environment. We look forward to building on this strong foundation as we begin the new academic year. Whilst the vast majority of students meet and exceed our expectations, we encourage all families to remain familiar with our Behaviour Policy to help maintain these high standards.

Mobile Devices

Thank you for your continued support of our Mobile Device Policy. The restrictions on mobile technology have had a significant positive impact on students' focus, wellbeing and interactions with one another.

In line with recently issued government guidance, our policy now applies to all mobile devices, including mobile phones, smart phones, smart watches, tablets, and any device with camera, internet, communication or recording capabilities.

Please note:

- Mobile devices are not permitted on site for students in Years 7–11.
- Mobile devices are also not permitted in the park or surrounding areas immediately before and after school.
- Any prohibited device that is brought onto site and confiscated will be securely stored and returned in line with the school's policy, normally one month after confiscation.
- Students in Years 12-13 may use devices in designated places only and are to be used appropriately.

Attendance and Punctuality

We know that returning to school means a shift in routines. Prepare for a strong start to the school year by resetting sleep schedules 3 to 5 days before school begins by moving bedtime and wake-up time earlier in small steps. Reintroduce familiar routines such as reading before bed, preparing clothes, or having breakfast at the table. Limit screens for at least an hour before bed to support sleep as overstimulation can affect sleep quality, and plan a calm, structured first morning back to help them feel more confident.

Students should arrive by 8:30am to start their day calmly. Late arrivals will result in same-day lunchtime detentions, and persistent lateness will be followed up with parents/carers.

Uniform and Sixth Form Expectations

Uniform reflects our school identity and prepares students for professional life, as outlined in our policy. Please ensure:

- Skirts are at least knee-length.
- Socks worn up to or over-the-knee are not permitted.
- Trainers should not be worn instead of shoes.
- Ties should be worn correctly, with the tree symbol below the knot.
- Shirts must be tucked in; blazers worn at all times unless otherwise permitted.
- No facial jewellery, acrylic nails, or false eyelashes.
- Sixth Form dress code should be adhered to at all times.
- Sixth Form students must wear their lanyards around the school site.

Students in incorrect uniform will be provided with suitable items to wear temporarily or may be briefly sent home to correct uniform. Please contact the school if you are unsure about any item or face challenges meeting requirements.

Essential Equipment

Please ensure your child is fully equipped with:

- School bag, pencil case, pens, pencils, eraser, sharpener, glue stick, green pen, scissors, highlighter, coloured pencils, board-marker, mini-whiteboard.
- Students must bring their exercise books for their timetabled lessons each day (subject folders in the Sixth Form).
- Useful extras: dictionary, scientific calculator, maths set, MFL dictionary.
- An age-appropriate reading book every day.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Consultation

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a high-quality personal development curriculum, we are currently consulting with parents and carers on our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) provision. We welcome your feedback and encourage you to review the consultation materials and share your views using the following link: [Park High School - Consultation on the Relationships and Sex Education \(RSE\) Policy](#)

Your feedback is valued and will help us ensure that our curriculum continues to meet the needs of our students and community.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's year team in the first instance.

Thank you again for your partnership. Wishing you and your family a restful and enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely,



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