

25th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and highly successful term, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your continued support. It has been a term characterised by hard work, achievement and many memorable experiences for our students, and we are immensely proud of all they have accomplished.

This half term has included a number of highlights. Our students have benefited from enriching theatre visits to the Donmar and Kiln Theatre, while our Year 11 cohort have performed exceptionally well in their practical GCSE mock examinations, including MFL speaking assessments and GCSE Geography fieldwork. British Science Week provided further opportunities for engagement, with activities such as a trip to the London Transport Museum and an exciting visit from Zoolab and we celebrated International Women's Day with postcards of gratitude recognising the important contribution all women have made to society today.

It was also fantastic to see our Main Hall transformed into a large-scale Scalextric track, enabling students in Years 7–10 to explore real-world engineering challenges through the design, building and testing of remote-controlled vehicles. In addition, our Sixth Form students fully embraced their Ethics Day, and we were delighted to welcome Year 11 students into Year 12 for a successful Sixth Form Taster Day.

### **End of Term Arrangements**

All students will be dismissed at 12.15pm on Friday 27th March. Students may attend in non-uniform on this day, and we would be grateful for any voluntary donations towards our chosen charity with is MIND.

### **Start of the Summer Term**

Students are expected to return to school at 8.40am on Monday 13th April 2026 in full school uniform, with their lanyard and all required equipment.

### **Final Exam Preparation**

A special mention must go to our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they prepare for their upcoming examinations. Their dedication and resilience have been commendable, and we are confident their hard work will lead to success. We encourage them to use the holiday period wisely for revision, while also ensuring they look after their wellbeing during this important time.

### **Key Dates for Next Term**

- **13th April** onwards – GCSE and A Level exams begin (including MFL speaking exams, Graphics, Art and GCSE PE practical assessments)
- **16th April** – Year 12 and Year 13 Parents' Evening
- **4th May** – Bank Holiday (school closed)



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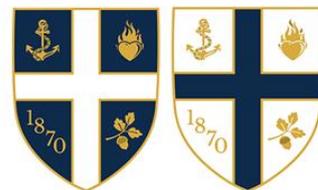
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- **5th May** – GCSE and A Level written examinations commence
- **11th May** – Bespoke Year 11 timetable begins
- **18th May** – Year 12 end-of-year examinations begin (two weeks)
- **25th May** – 29th May – Half Term

### **The importance of Attendance and Punctuality to School**

When students attend school consistently and arrive on time, they are able to fully engage with learning, build strong routines, and develop positive habits that support both academic success and personal growth. Punctuality is equally important, as arriving late can disrupt not only your child's learning but also the learning of others.

By prioritising excellent attendance and punctuality, parents and carers play a vital role in supporting their child's progress, wellbeing and future opportunities. We have delivered focused assemblies this half term on how Attendance and Punctuality is linked to both education outcomes and the work of world. Please continue to support your child with ensuring the following:

- Medical and Doctor appointments where possible are to be made outside of school hours or in the holidays.
- If your child does have a medical/dental appointment, the expectation is that they are in school before the appointment and/or return to school afterwards.
- Holidays are not authorised during term time.

### **Reminders for Parents and Carers**

Please ensure that your child's ParentPay account is topped up. We have contacted families where balances require attention; however, if you need any support or wish to arrange a payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact the Main Reception team, who will be happy to assist.

As always, we value the strong partnership between home and school in supporting our students to flourish and achieve their very best. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term, refreshed and ready for the challenges ahead.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Kelly  
Head of High School  
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