



Shipston High School Newsletter: June 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are now underway with the final half term of the academic year and I write to share some useful updates with you.

Important dates:

Friday 27th June: INSET day for staff: school closed to pupils

Wednesday 2nd July: Year 6 transition day

Friday 18th July – break up for the summer holidays. Pupils dismissed at 12.30pm

Thursday 21st August – GCSE examination results day (year 11)

Monday 1st September – INSET day for staff: school closed to pupils.

Tuesday 2nd September – Years 7 and 11 only in school. Pupils start at 8.35am

Wednesday 3rd September – All year groups in school. All pupils start at 8.35am

Staffing

I am pleased to confirm that Shipston High School is fully staffed for teaching in September 2025, and we welcome new colleagues to our team of specialist staff. Miss Hendriksen will join us as Head of English, Mr Wilson joins the Science department and Mr Wood joins the PE team. Mr Philips joins us as Head of Academic Standards for years 7 and 8, and will also teach in the science department. Mrs Mason will work with the maths department and we also welcome Mrs Marriot to our learning support team.

Shipston High School is saying goodbye to several colleagues at the end of term. Mr Harrison is leaving his role as head of English, and Mr Lyne leaves the geography department. Mr Davies will leave the history department, Mr Shaw is leaving from science and Mrs Webster is leaving her role in the pastoral team. We wish them all well in their new endeavours.

Contacting school

You are welcome to contact the school at any time with your enquiries. In order to help you to get the most informed response, please note that questions regarding learning are best directed to the appropriate head of department. Pastoral or general questions should be

directed to the relevant form tutor or head of academic standards. You will appreciate that staff are usually teaching classes, so please telephone the school to arrange a suitable time for your enquiry to be addressed.

Please do not come into school in the expectation of speaking to staff without an appointment, as colleagues are unlikely to be available without prior arrangement. Where a meeting is necessary, appointments can be scheduled. Please contact the school office who will make the necessary arrangements.

Shipston High School actively promotes our core values to all stakeholders, including respectful communication. The first point of contact for most enquiries will be our hard working and welcoming reception team, and we ask that all visitors and callers engage respectfully and politely with our reception staff. Thank you.

Year Ten

With year 11 exam season concluding, our year ten students are now our senior year group. I am sure that they will conduct themselves with the focus and motivation typical of Shipston High School students. They can expect the full support and guidance of the staff as we focus on their academic and personal progress over the next twelve months.

They will soon be undertaking work experience, and the school is proud to offer an opportunity for every student in year 10 to experience work placements which, every year, our students fulfil with commitment and maturity.

Enrichment week

Shipston High School continues to provide and develop a range of extracurricular activities, which are enjoyed by many children throughout the school year. As we approach the end of this academic year, we are planning our end of term 'Enrichment Week'. This will be a real highlight of our school calendar and a valuable opportunity for students to experience something different, engaging, and truly memorable.

This year's enrichment programme includes a wide range of activities designed to inspire creativity, build confidence, and create lasting memories. These experiences range from hands-on workshops, to off-site trips and special guests visiting Shipston High. They are moments that students remember for years to come, and we are proud to offer such a rich and varied programme.

Further details will be shared in the next few weeks, and we trust that there will be something in the mix of activities to inspire all students.

End of term

The last day of this term is Friday 18th July 2025. As indicated on the school calendar, the final day will finish early, with pupils being dismissed at 12.30 pm. Taxis will arrive at the school for early collection at 12.30pm, and we will liaise with bus companies to confirm their

collection times and will of course update families nearer the time. We are already aware that the 75A and 75S are expected at the normal time of 3.10pm. Students are welcome to return to the site to catch these buses at 3.10pm or make alternative travel arrangements for the final day of term. Please note that the bus companies, and not the school, are responsible for the collection times.

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As you can see from our key dates, the new academic year will see a staggered start for students. To aid a smooth transition for our new year 7 students, Tuesday 2nd September will be for years 7 and 11 only to attend the school site. Years 8, 9 and 10 are not required on the school site until Wednesday 3rd September when all year groups are expected in school for the new term.

It has been a busy and successful year for the school. Staff and pupils have worked very hard, and I hope that all enjoy a restorative break when we reach the end of term. I wish everyone a relaxing and refreshing summer.

Thank you for all of your support for the school, and I wish everyone a restful Easter.

Yours sincerely,

G. Saunders

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Saunders', written on a light blue rectangular background.

Headteacher