

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a safe and enjoyable summer break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our Year 12 and Year 13 students back and beginning another successful year in the Sixth Form.

Students in Year 11 and Year 13 have again achieved some remarkable results, which we are truly proud of. There are further details of these successes on our website.

As a **reminder**, all Year 12 and Year 13 students will begin the new academic year with our planned trip and pastoral activities on **Friday 4 September 2026**

Friday 4 September – Reminder

Students should arrive at **Stanley Avenue by 8.25am**.

The programme for the day is as follows:

- **8.30am** –Registration
- **8.45am** – Depart for the Natural History museum via the tube
- **12.30pm** – Return to ACS
- **1.30pm** – Lunch on site for all students
- **2.15–3.15pm** – Pastoral session with tutors
- **3.15pm** – Students dismissed

As students will be travelling and taking part in activities off site, the **Sixth Form dress code will be relaxed on Friday only**. Students should wear comfortable, appropriate clothing and footwear suitable for the day and the weather conditions.

Monday 7 September

Normal Timetable and Dress Code

From Monday, students will follow their **normal Sixth Form timetable**, and the Sixth Form dress code will apply in full.

Students are expected to dress appropriately for a professional Sixth Form environment. Students who arrive dressed inappropriately may be **sent home to change** or offered suitable items from our **Sixth Form Clothing Store**.

Students should wear formal shoes; however, **completely black trainers are also acceptable**. Please note that **hoodies are not permitted, including as outerwear**.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices Reminder

Parents and carers are also reminded that Sixth Form students share the wider school site with our younger students.

Therefore, **mobile phones, AirPods/earbuds and other personal electronic devices must not be used or visible when students enter the school building or while they are in areas shared with KS3 and KS4 students.** Any devices seen or used in these areas will be confiscated in line with the school's policy.

Sixth Form students may use their devices appropriately within the designated Sixth Form-only areas:

- Sixth Form Quad
- Sixth Form Canteen
- Sixth Form Block

Students should ensure that all devices are put away before leaving these areas.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations at home. Our Sixth Form students are the most senior students in the school, and with the additional independence they are given comes the responsibility to **model our expectations to younger students.**

Equipment, Sixth Form Bursary and Upcoming Parent Information Event

From Monday 7 September, students should arrive fully equipped and ready for lessons, with all of the equipment they need for the school day.

All students will be provided with a school planner, which this year also contains a mini whiteboard. As part of their standard equipment, students will therefore be expected to have a whiteboard marker and a whiteboard eraser or suitable cloth. One whiteboard marker will initially be provided to each student.

We recognise that starting Sixth Form can bring additional costs. Students who **received Free School Meals (FSM) in Year 10 or Year 11**, or whose families may require financial support, are encouraged to apply for the **Sixth Form Bursary**. Further information about eligibility and the application process will be shared during our Parent Information Event.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming the parents and carers of our KS5 students to our **Sixth Form Parent Information Event on Thursday 17 September**. This will be an opportunity to share important information about the year ahead and how we can work together to support students throughout their Sixth Form journey. Further details about the event will follow.

We look forward to welcoming Year 12 and Year 13 back on Friday and to a positive and successful year ahead.

Yours faithfully,



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