



12th September 2025

Dear families,

A warm welcome back to all our returning families and a very special welcome to those of you joining our school community for the first time. It has been a real pleasure seeing our new year 7s joining our community and starting to navigate the new adventure of secondary schooling. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break. We are thrilled to welcome our students back and embark on another exciting academic year together.

Summer 2025 GCSE Results

Firstly, I want to congratulate last year's year 11 students on their outstanding achievement with their GCSE results. They achieved the best set of GCSE results the school has had in the last 5 years (before that the centre/teacher assessed grades were in place due to COVID). The results show vast improvements in all progress measures. These results are a testament to all the hard work of the students and our staff last year.

As part of joining the MNSP last year we implemented a wide range of changes that now allow us to provide a far better quality of education for all our students. We now have:

1. challenging new curriculums across all subjects supported by regular and more robust assessments,
2. a target setting process where targets are more aspirational and achievable
3. a targeted reading programme with clear interventions in place to raise students reading and spelling ages
4. a fully re-structured behaviour system
5. a new classroom learning structure in lessons to reduce cognitive overload by having a common learning language used by all teachers.
6. bespoke interventions planned to ensure students below expectations are supported with their English and Maths in year 10 and 11

All of these initiatives set a higher standard to enable us to provide a high quality education and our 2025 GCSE results reinforce these changes are making an impact.

Uniform

Secondly, thank you for supporting us with the new expectations of the school uniform. Students have arrived since the start of term in impeccable uniform and it has been a real pleasure to see all our students looking so smart. These new expectations of uniform sets the tone of what is expected to be a member of a thriving high performing school.



New School Year

The start of a new school year is always a time of great energy and promise. Our staff have been working diligently to prepare for the return of our students, ensuring our classrooms and facilities are ready for a year of learning, growth, and discovery. We are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and stimulating environment where every student can thrive.

This year, we will continue to focus on academic excellence, while also nurturing the personal and social development of our students. We believe in a holistic approach to education that prepares young people not just for exams, but for life. We have a fantastic range of extracurricular activities, clubs, and sports teams that we encourage all students to get involved with. These opportunities are vital for building confidence, teamwork, and new skills.

We know that a strong partnership between home and school is crucial for student success. We encourage you to stay engaged with your child's education and to communicate with us. Our tutors, teachers and staff are always available to discuss your child's progress and to address any questions or concerns you may have. Please keep an eye on our school newsletter and website for updates on events, key dates, and achievements throughout the year.

Key Dates

This term is a busy term with a number of key events in the calendar. Further information about these will be shared as we approach them.

Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 17th September	Yr 11 Moving on Evening
Thursday 25th September	Year 11 Parents Evening
Thursday 2nd October	Open Evening
Thursday 23rd October	KS3 Information Evening
Friday 24th October	Staff Training (INSET DAY) - no students
Thursday 9th October	Year 10 Information Evening

Dropping off, picking up and walking home

A reminder for those parents who drop off and pick up from school. The speed limit within school grounds is 5mph, please keep to this to help us keep our students safe and avoid any potential danger to our students and staff. Parents are expected to drop off and pick up at either the car park by the sports hall or the car park by Caryford hall. The staff car park (car park at top of slope) is now out of bounds between the times of 8.30am - 9.00am and 3.30pm - 3.45pm. These restrictions are in place to ensure the safety of our students during these busy times at the start and end of the school day.



I am aware that in the past there have been occasions where some students have not used the Zebra crossing on the A371 when walking home. Please can I ask that if your child walks home that you reinforce the importance of using the zebra crossing when crossing the A371 to Churchfield Drive.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We are honored to be a part of their journey and look forward to a successful and rewarding year for everyone.

Best Wishes

Karl Musson
Head of School