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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of the summer term, I wanted to write to you to thank you for your support and to provide you with a few timely reminders.

End of term arrangements on Friday 17th July:

Students will be dismissed from 12.30pm onwards. This will be a non-uniform day, with a donation of £1. All proceeds raised will be forwarded to our chosen charity, Eat or Heat.

Start of Term:

I wanted to remind you about the arrangements for the start of term

- Start of term: INSET day on 1st September
- 2nd September:
 - Year 7s: 11.00 - 3.15
 - Years 8-11: 11.15 - 12.30: Students collect timetables and have a welcome assembly
- 3rd September onwards: Students arrive between 8.15 - 8.40, going straight to period 1 at 8.45. This will be week A.

Smartphone-Free School from September

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey, attended consultation meetings, or shared feedback about our move to a smartphone-free school from September. Following extensive research, visits to other smartphone-free schools, and guidance from the DfE and Local Authority, we believe this is the right decision for our students and will ultimately help to create a better learning environment.

Over recent months, we have worked closely with students through tutor time, form representative meetings and assemblies to explain the reasons behind this change and address any concerns.



Our Smartphone-Free Appendix has been approved by the Governing Body and forms part of the Positive Behaviour for Learning Policy [Positive Behaviour for Learning Policy](#) (pages 22 to 24), available on the school website. The appendix includes suggested 'brick' phones and information about GPS trackers for families who may wish to use them. **As outlined in previous emails, this policy will be implemented in September so please ensure that you and your child are prepared by reading the relevant pages.**

Student Equipment for the new school year:

It is important that all students are fully-equipped for the new school year. Please ensure that your child returns with all of the following items as these may not be provided by teachers.

- Fully-equipped pencil case, including black or blue pens; HB pencil; ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener
- Calculator; FX-83GT CW+ or the FX-85GT CW+
- Glue stick
- Purple pen
- Tissues
- Sanitary products when required
- Mathematical instruments set; protractor, compass
- Small set of coloured pencils
- Reading book

Any parents who think they will not be able to provide the equipment listed, please contact info@ and we will be able to support you with this.

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 1st September – INSET Day
- Wednesday 2nd September: students return to school. Year 7: 11.00 - 3.15; Years 8 to 11: 11.15 - 12.30 for timetable collection and welcome assemblies
- Friday 11th September – Year 7 & 10 School Photos
- Thursday 24th September – Open Evening for Year 6s - school to close early
- Thursday 24th September - European Day of Languages Bake Off
- Friday 25th September – Late start due to Open Evening
- Friday 9th October – INSET Day



- Tuesday 13th October – College Roadshow for year 11 students (TBC)
- Monday 19th October – This is my School for year 7 students
- Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – Half term

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and kindness throughout the year and for sending your wonderful daughters to the school. I wish you all a relaxing holiday.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Marriott'.

Helen Marriott

Headteacher