

Dear Parents and Carers,

4th September 2026

I hope you and your families had an enjoyable summer; certainly the weather allowed us to make the most of the season. It has been a pleasure to welcome back our pupils and to greet our new Year 7 cohort. They all looked so smart, were full of enthusiasm and raring to go. This week has represented a significant transition for many – into secondary school and for others moving key stage or changing classes – and I have been impressed by how welcoming pupils have been to one another and to staff.

Although we have had only three days this week, pupils have settled quickly into the rhythm of school life and have responded positively to the ambition and expectations we set. Their conduct and focus have been very encouraging as we establish routines for the term ahead.

We have also welcomed a number of new staff. Ms Brelsford has joined Key Stage 5 and we are pleased to have her on board. Regrettably, Ms Capper, who was appointed to a Key Stage 4 post, informed me that she was unable to take up the position. I have worked with agencies to secure suitable cover and we have welcomed Ms Ellis to the team. I remain actively seeking a permanent Key Stage 5 teacher. Finding high-quality teachers who will add value to the work of the school is challenging, but I am committed to appointing the right people. Please bear with me and I will keep you updated on progress.

You will have received a letter from me at the end of the summer break informing you that CWAC has confirmed the discontinuation of the residential grant. This decision is a tremendous blow to the school. During the holiday I had the opportunity to meet residential staff and to thank them personally for their outstanding service over the years; collectively they have given 125 years of dedication to our pupils and community.

We are up and running for the new term. Have a good weekend and I look forward to the week ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mike McCann

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