



Our Ref: KWA/MBE

18th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your unwavering support and partnership over the past year. Your involvement has played a vital role in making this a successful and enriching year for our students.

We have celebrated so much this year and if you were lucky enough to be in any of the Rewards assemblies this week, you will have seen some of this celebrated with our students. Alongside real academic progress, we've seen lots of trips and visits to some incredible places; our KS4 and 5 Sports Tour to South Africa leaves on Sunday. We had our first Performing Arts showcase in several years this week, which was incredible! Our sports teams have also retained the Y8 Varsity shield and won the Y7 Varsity competition!

I would like to share with you some important information about the end of this academic year and the start of next:

Transition

This year, students will not transition to their new classes before the summer holidays. Instead, they will complete the year in their current year groups and will begin their new timetables upon their return in September. This decision has been made to ensure a consistent and settled end to the school year.

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Term ends on Wednesday 23rd July. Students should arrive to school in full uniform as normal and we will dismiss students after lunch at 12:45pm. The Moxons bus will be collecting at that time from the Coach Park as normal.

Start of the New Academic Year

The new academic year begins for students on Tuesday 2nd September 2025. We will be operating a phased return to ensure a purposeful and positive start for all students, especially our new Year 7 cohort.

- Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Only Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 students will return on this day, arriving at 10:45am. Please note: there will be no breaktime provision on this day.
- Wednesday 3rd September 2025
All students return to school at the usual time. Students must be on school site by 8:25am.

External gates will still lock at 8:25am.

All children should arrive on time and in full school uniform and with their Dinnington PE kit if they have PE on Wednesday.

- Students must have a rucksack.
- Shoes must be plain black with no embellishments.
- A reminder about jewellery rules; 1 pair of earrings no bigger than a 5p, 1 ring and 1 watch. A clear plastic retainer may be worn in a nose piercing. If any other jewellery is seen, it will be confiscated and should be collected from Reception on a Friday.
- Full equipment of 2 x black pens, 2 x purple pens, a ruler and a pencil in a clear pencil case.
- Casio calculator; Casio fx 83-GT CW or Casio fx 85-GT CW (it would be advantageous for students to have their own calculator and one of these models would be best as they are the calculators that we use in Maths and in GCSE exams. If students don't have their own, they are able to borrow in lessons).

New School Day

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the changes to the structure of the school day from September 2025. Please note the slight amendments to the start/end of the day:

Time	Period
8:15am	Gates open
8:25am	Gates locked
8:25am	Tutor time
8:50am	Period 1
9:50am	Period 2
10:50am	Break time
11:05am	Period 3
12:05pm	Lunch time
12:55pm	Period 4
1:55pm	Period 5
2:55pm	End of Day
3:55pm	Period 6 (Y11)

Once again, thank you for your continued encouragement - whether by attending events, supporting learning at home or working closely with our staff, your contribution is deeply appreciated.

We wish you a restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming your child to Dinnington High School in September.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Kerry Wade
Headteacher