



Our Ref: KWA/MBE

13th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to share the arrangements for the end of this term and the start of the new school year in September.

Transition

Students have already started their timetables for next year and we have had a good first week, settling into new classes and meeting new teachers. We hope that this will help students to feel confident and settled when we return in September.

Awards Assemblies

Due to the early rollover of the timetable, we will be running our awards assemblies week commencing Monday 14th September and we hope to welcome all of our parents to celebrate with their children. Invites will be sent out before we break up for summer.

Rewards Trips

Year 9 and Year 10 students are out on their rewards trips today, Monday 13th July, and Year 8 and Year 9 students are out on their trips, Wednesday 15th July. Please check the letters regarding these trips for all of the arrangements for the days.

Friday 17th July

Term ends on Friday 17th July. Students should arrive to school in full uniform as normal and we will dismiss students after lunch at 12:50pm. The Moxons bus will collect at this time from the coach park and **students who catch the 19/19a will be dismissed at 12:30pm** to allow them to catch the buses which will be following their normal bus timetable.

Start of the New Academic Year:

The new academic year begins for students on **Thursday 3rd September**. All students should arrive at school in full uniform, including blazers. Gates will be open at 8:05am and students **MUST** be in school by **8:25am**. **Students should not have any badges on their blazer, tie or lanyard apart from Dinnington High School badges, this is to make space for the new rewards badges that will be introduced in September.**

All children should arrive on time and in **full school uniform** and with their Dinnington PE kit if they have PE on Thursday 3rd September.

- Students must have a school bag big enough to carry an A4 folder, ideally 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, ruler, pencil in a clear pencil case **and a whiteboard pen (these will also be available to purchase from school).**

- 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 inform you of the changes to the structure of the school day from September 2026. Please note that lunch is now split and is later than it is this year, as a result of this, students who are eligible for free school meals will have their meal allowance available for morning break. This allows us to have two tutor times in a day and give students access to their tutors more frequently.

Time	Period
8:05am	Gates Open
8:25am	Gates Locked
8:30am	Tutor Time 1
8:40am	Period 1
9:40am	Period 2
10:40am	Break Time
10:55am	Period 3
11:55am	Period 4
12:55pm – 1:55pm	Lunch and Tutor 2 12:55pm – Years 7, 9 and 11 to eat lunch 1:15pm – Year 8 and 10 to eat lunch
1:55pm	Period 5
2:55pm	End of Day
2:55pm – 3:55pm	Period 6 (Year 11)

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 back to Dinnington High School in September.

Yours sincerely



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