

July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Key dates for your diary**

As this academic year draws to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect on some joyful and memorable moments.

Our pupils have had a fabulous time this year. Year 11 have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, completing an excellent exam period, followed by a memorable Leaving Assembly and a wonderful Prom evening. Alongside this, we have enjoyed three international trips, our spectacular Firework Night, a festive Christmas Fair, and our termly big prize-giving events. These experiences have created many happy and lasting memories for our pupils.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and patience throughout the year. This has been especially appreciated over the past few weeks as we have dealt with the challenges related to the storm damage to Linford. Your understanding, support and heartwarming messages have been encouraging and very much appreciated by us all.

Despite these challenges, our pupils have continued to demonstrate our STAR values. They have shown themselves to be **tenacious and ambitious**, taken **responsibility** for their learning, and demonstrated strong **self-discipline**, particularly when studying at home was necessary. We are incredibly proud of their resilience, determination, and positive approach.

Well done to all our pupils, and thank you to you, our parents and carers, for everything you do to support them and our school community.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Parent Association (PTA) and all the volunteers who have contributed their time and energy throughout the year. Your generosity and commitment have enriched the experiences of our pupils and staff alike.

As we look ahead, and to support you with planning for the next academic year, I would like to provide you with some key dates for your diary.

Below is some information which you need to note for the next academic year.

This academic year finishes on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1.00pm**. All pupils will be dismissed orderly from the Main gate at Donnithorne Avenue.

To support you with your planning for the next academic year, I would like to provide you with start and end of day arrangements and some key dates for your diary.

- The gates will be open from 8.00am
- All pupils to arrive by 8.20am through Donnithorne Avenue gate – gates close at **8.25am** and lessons start at **8.30am**
- End of the day is at 3.10pm for Year 7 through to Year 10
- End of the day is at **4.00pm** for **Year 11** on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays – this is compulsory and as part of timetabled lessons



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## Key dates for your 2026-2027

Year Group	Date of Event	Description
<b>Whole School</b>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026 Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026 Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2026 Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2026 Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026 Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027 Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2027 Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2027 Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027 Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027 Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2027 Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2027 Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2027	INSET day – school closed to all pupils INSET day – school closed to all pupils Concertina Day – early closure at 1.00pm INSET day – school closed to all pupils End of Autumn Term – early closure at 1.00pm INSET day – school closed to all pupils INSET day – school closed to all pupils INSET day – school closed to all pupils End of Spring Term – early closure at 1.00pm INSET day – school closed to all pupils INSET day – school closed to all pupils Sports Day – early closure at 1.00pm End of Summer Term – early closure at 1.00pm
<b>Year 7</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026  Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2026  Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2026  Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2026  Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027 – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2027  Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2027  Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2027 – Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2027  Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2027	Start of Autumn Term for Year 7  School Photos  Settling-in Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm face to face with Form Tutors  Parents' Meeting 4.00pm to 7.00pm face to face with Teachers  Mid-Year Assessments  Parents' Meeting 4.00pm – 7.00pm face to face with Teachers  Formal End of Year Assessments  Sports Day – school finishes at 1.00pm
<b>Year 8</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2026  Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2026  Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2026  Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027 – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2027	Start of Autumn Term for Year 8  School Photos  Settling-in Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm face to face with Form Tutors  Mid-Year Assessments



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	<p>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2027</p> <p>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2027 – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2027</p> <p>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027</p>	<p>Parents' Meeting 4.00pm – 7.00pm face to face with Teachers</p> <p>Formal End of Year Assessments</p> <p>Sports Day – school finishes at 1.00pm</p>
<b>Year 9</b>	<p>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026</p> <p>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2026</p> <p>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026</p> <p>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026</p> <p>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2027</p> <p>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2027 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2027</p> <p>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2027 – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2027</p> <p>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027</p>	<p>Start of Autumn Term for Year 9</p> <p>School Photos</p> <p>Settling-in Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm face to face with Form Tutors</p> <p>Parents' Meeting 4.00pm – 7.00pm face to face with Teachers</p> <p>GCSE Options Evening</p> <p>Mid-Year Assessments</p> <p>Formal End of Year Assessments</p> <p>Sports Day – school finishes at 1.00pm</p>
<b>Year 10</b>	<p>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026</p> <p>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2026</p> <p>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026</p> <p>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2026</p> <p>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2027</p> <p>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2027 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2027</p> <p>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2027 – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2027</p> <p>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027</p>	<p>Start of Autumn Term for Year 10</p> <p>School Photos</p> <p>Settling-in Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm on-line with Form Tutors</p> <p>Careers Fair (Year 10 and Year 11)</p> <p>Parents' Meeting 4.00pm – 7.00pm face to face with Teachers</p> <p>Mid-Year Assessments</p> <p>Formal End of Year Assessments</p> <p>Sports Day – school finishes at 1.00pm</p>



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<b>Year 11</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026	Start of Autumn Term for Year 11
	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Drayton Manor Reward Trip
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	School Photos
	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2026	Settling-in Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm on-line with Form Tutors
	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2026	Parents' Meeting – Exam Ready, Careers Fair (Year 10 and Year 11), Prom wear sale
	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2026 – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2026	Year 11 Mock 1 Examinations
	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2026	Parents' Meeting 4.00pm to 7.00pm face to face with Teachers
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2027 – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2027	Year 11 Mock 2 Examinations
	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2027	Parents' Meeting 4.00pm to 7.00pm face to face with Teachers
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2027 – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2027	Summer 2026 GCSE Examination window
	TBC	Prom

Yours sincerely

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Principal



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