

Thursday 21st May 2026

End of Summer Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our achievements and share some important updates with you.

Last Day Arrangements

School breaks up on Friday 22nd May. Students will finish at the usual time of 1:10pm. Students return to the academy on Monday 1st June.

Study Leave

To reiterate, our Year 11 students are not currently on study leave and will not be coded as such until their final exam on Wednesday 10th June. They are expected to attend their normal timetabled lessons until this date. Please note that Year 11 attendance is currently declining. If you choose to keep your child at home, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and we are required to contact you each day.

Uniform during exams

Please can parents and carers support us to ensure high standards of uniform are maintained during the exam season. We want to prioritise supporting and encouraging Year 11s ahead of their exams. We ask for your support in ensuring that high standards of uniform are maintained during the exam season. This helps students remain focused and prepared for their exams.

Attendance

Overall school attendance remains positive and is well above the national average for similar schools. A key area for improvement continues to be punctuality. We ask for your continued support in ensuring students arrive punctually each day. A reminder, students are welcomed on to site from 8.40am but are marked as late if they arrive after 9am.

Arbor

Arbor is our main method of communication. Please can we ask all parents and carers to download the Arbor Parent App to their smartphone.

Year 11 Alton Towers

As our Year 11 students approach the end of their time with us, we would like to celebrate their hard work and achievements with a reward trip to **Alton Towers Resort**. Please ensure consent forms are returned by 1st June 2026, along with the £10 contribution.

The dates for each form group trip are shown below:

11A Monday 15 th June	11B Tuesday 16 th June	11C Wednesday 17 th June
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Year 11 Exams

When Year 11s return on Monday 1st June, they will continue with their exams. A copy of the remaining GCSE exams are shown below:

Half-Term Holidays				
Mon 1 st June	Tues 2 nd June	Weds 3 rd June	Thurs 4 th June	Fri 5 th June
		Pearsons Maths 1MA1 Paper 2, 1hr 30min, Calc AM		AQA English Lang 8700 Paper 2, 1hr 45 min, AM
Mon 8 th June	Tues 9 th June	Weds 10 th June	Thurs 11 th June	Fri 12 th June
AQA Biology 8461 Paper 2 1hr 45 min, AM		Pearsons Maths 1MA1 Paper 3, 1hr 30min, Calc AM		CONTINGENCY DAY

Key Dates

Friday 22nd May	Students break up for half term
Monday 1st June	Students return to DPA
Thursday 11th June	Year 11s coded at Study Leave
Mon 15th, Tues 16th, Wed 17th June	Year 11 Alton Towers trip
Monday 29th June	INSET Day
Thursday 23rd July	Students break up for summer

A Final Word

Thank you for your continued support throughout what has been a successful half term. It remains a privilege to lead such a fantastic and caring school. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 1st June.

Yours sincerely



Mark Hatton
Headteacher

