



March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

As this Easter term draws to a close, I want to pause and reflect on what has been a rewarding few months for our school. It has been a term filled with hard work, achievement and moments that have reminded us why our community is so special.

One of those moments came earlier in March when Ofsted visited. What stood out to me most was not the process itself, but the way our students carried themselves - their pride in the school was clear, and the support from staff and families was invaluable. I am grateful to all of you for the part you played in helping the visit reflect who we truly are.

This term has also been rich in opportunities for spiritual reflection and growth. Many of our students have taken part in our Lenten services and form-time reflections in the runup to Easter, engaging thoughtfully with themes of hope, renewal and compassion. Our participation in the Big Lent Walk and Lent Appeal have also provided meaningful opportunities for students to put their faith into action in support of others.

At the same time, we have been proud to support our Muslim students observing Ramadan. Their commitment, discipline and sense of community have been evident throughout the month, and we were delighted to celebrate Eid alongside them. Together, these moments have shown how faith enriches our school in many forms and brings us together in mutual respect.

This term has also been enriched by a wide range of opportunities made possible through the dedication of our staff. Diversity Day brought the school to life with colour, culture and shared stories. Welcoming an 'Artist in Residence' through our partnership with the Tate gave students the chance to create with confidence and expression. And our production of 'Sister Act' was a wonderful reminder of what happens when students come together in collaboration and with courage - the result was pure joy.

Our recent trip to New York City gave students experiences they will carry with them for years, and we now look forward to hearing from those preparing to travel to Iceland over the break. These opportunities broaden horizons, build independence and deepen friendships - all of which shape our students far beyond the classroom.

We also continue to be inspired by our students' achievements in competitions and projects, including their outstanding performance in the Unilever challenge. Their creativity and teamwork have shown what young people can achieve when they believe in their ideas and in themselves.

As we approach exam season, we hold our Year 11 and Year 13 students firmly in our thoughts and prayers. They have worked with resilience and determination, and we will continue to walk with them through the weeks and months ahead. I know they will rise to the challenge.

Easter invites us to look forward with hope. On behalf of the staff and governors, I wish you and your family a peaceful, joyful and restorative Easter break.

Please see below for a reminder of term and key dates for this year.



### Key Dates

	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Year 11</b>	Y11 Exam preparation meetings	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
	Exam contingency day*	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
	Leavers' assembly	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
	Prom	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
	GCSE Results Day	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>Year 13</b>	Exam preparation meetings	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
	Exam contingency day*	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
	Prom	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
	Leavers' assembly	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
	A Level Results Day	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> August

\* Exam contingency day is a national date set by the exam boards. **All Year 11 and Year 13 students must be available to sit examinations until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.**

### Remaining Term Dates 2025/2026

#### Summer Term 2026

- **Starts:** Monday 13th April
- **Half day INSET:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, **12.25 finish for pupils**
- **May day:** Monday 4th May
- **Half term:** Monday 25th to Friday 29th May
- **INSET day:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June (no students in school)
- **Ends for pupils:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, **12.25 finish for pupils**

Yours sincerely

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