



Dear Parent and Carers,

19th October 2026

It was a pleasure to meet so many of you for the first time at our Year 7 Settling In Evening. Thank you for such positive engagement and feedback from my child now “loves coming to school” to “*Denes was not my first-choice school but I am so glad he comes here*”. We are looking forward to working with you for the next five years to ensure your child thrives and is as successful as possible.

Year 11 mock exams commence Monday 2nd November. Each child has been given a letter with revision tips and guidance together with a copy of the exam timetable. The same information has also been emailed to all parents and carers via Arbor. Simple routines can make a big difference during the mock exam period. We encourage all parents and carers to support their child by checking that they have packed everything they need the night before, have a good night's sleep and eat breakfast before school, helping them to feel focused, confident and ready to perform at their best.

Attendance: As we head into the final week before half-term, let's make every day count!

This week's attendance highlights:

- Best attending year group: Year 7
- Highest attending form: Year 7 JWH
- Most improved attendance: Year 10 DAS

Well done to everyone involved. Remember, good attendance is 95% or above, and every day in school provides valuable learning opportunities. Arriving on time for form means pupils are ready to start the day positively, hear important messages and make the most of form time. Please aim to be in school and ready to go on time every morning. Next week, students who have achieved 100% attendance for the half-term will be recognised with certificates and prizes during year group assemblies.

Discretionary supermarket vouchers for eligible families during school holidays have now ended following changes to government funding. Free school meals during term time will continue as usual. If you as a family are affected by this, please read the letter [here](#).

The **Form Time Focus** for next week is “Proud”

Next week we will be teaching the following PSHE topics. If you have any concerns regarding the content of the PSHE lessons, please refer to our policy for clarification on withdrawals. The policy can be found [here](#).

Year 11 – What is the morality around euthanasia?

Year 10 – How can I optimise my physical health?

Year 9 – How might we be affected by what we see in the media?



Year 8 – What should I know about knife crime?

Year 7 – What is cyber bullying?

Don't forget that Friday 23rd October is a staff training day, so the school is closed to students.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Williams', written in a cursive style.

Kate Williams

Principal