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Update for Families

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of the academic year, I'd like to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements of our pupils. It's been a privilege to witness their growth; both academically and personally, and I look forward to seeing their continued progress.

School Improvement Update

Since our Ofsted report in May, we've made significant strides in several areas:

Behaviour

Our updated behaviour policy continues to have a positive impact. Pupils are rising to our high expectations, and we've enjoyed sharing their successes with you through praise letters and calls. Visitors have noted improvements in uniform and the respectful way pupils interact with staff and guests.

Our new support facility, The Haven, is now fully operational, helping pupils manage their emotions and behaviour. Next year, we'll work more closely with families to remove barriers to learning and ensure consistency in applying our behaviour policy through ongoing staff training and coaching. Further updates will be shared in September.

Thank you for your continued support in helping pupils come to school ready to learn and uphold our standards.

SEND Support

We're pleased to welcome Mrs Miller as our new SENDCo from September. She's working closely with our Trust SEND leads to ensure a smooth transition from Mr Jackson, whom we thank for his dedication.

Our new SEND facility, The Nest, will open in September, offering a quiet, supportive space before school, at break/lunch, and after school. Staff have also received additional SEND training, with more scheduled for the autumn term to ensure consistent support for all pupils.

Teaching, Learning & Assessment

Curriculum leaders have been refining subject content and improving assessment strategies to better identify and close learning gaps. Future training will focus on helping pupils to apply and retain knowledge more effectively.

Parent Engagement

We're committed to strengthening our partnership with parents. Next year, we'll launch:

- A Parent Forum
- Online information sessions
- In-person events

A termly calendar will be shared, starting with **Meet the Tutor** sessions in September:

- **Year 7 & Sixth Form** – Mon 8 Sept, 5–6pm
- **Years 8 & 10** – Tue 9 Sept, 5–6pm
- **Years 9 & 11** – Wed 10 Sept, 5–6pm

We'd love your feedback on how we communicate. Please complete this short form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/6LzngD8Li>

Looking Ahead to September

Uniform Reminder: In line with our Uniform Policy, can I please emphasise that pupils require:

- Full uniform and formal shoes (no trainers)
- No jewellery or false nails
- Earrings must be removed before returning to school

Equipment Reminder: In line with our St Wilfrid's Standard, pupils should have with them:

- A Black pen, green pen, pencil and ruler
- Scientific Calculator
- Re-useable water bottle
- Reading book
- Pupils will be issued with a new planner in September that must be brought to school each day.

Pupils not meeting uniform expectations will be expected to resolve this immediately.

Site Access

To ensure pupil safety, no parent vehicles are allowed on site during:

- **Morning:** 8:15–9:00am
- **Afternoon:** 2:10–3:30pm

If your child has a registered disability, please contact the school so we can create a bespoke accessibility plan.

Start of term dates

- Tuesday, September 2nd:
 - Year 7 will start at 08:40 AM
 - Year 11 will start at 11:00 AM
- Wednesday, September 3rd
 - All other year groups will resume at 08:40 AM

Finally, we hope that all of our families have an enjoyable and restful break over the summer.

Thank you for your continued support. We're proud of our progress and excited for the year ahead.

Mrs C Lennox



Head Teacher