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14th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

END OF AUTUMN TERM 1

What a fantastic start to the new academic year it has been! There is much to celebrate - October has seen the whole school community celebrating **Black History Month**. Students and staff have participated in an exciting month of activities, workshops, education and enrichment activities. We have also been celebrating our young people's achievements with a number of **Rewards** this week including enrichment activities, breakfast and pizza parties. Well done to those who have received a reward!

Year 11 & 13 Pre-Mock Week

Compulsory lessons are taking place next week for Years 11 GCSE students in order to prepare them for their upcoming mocks. These lessons will be running from 9am-12noon, these are an essential part in preparing your child for their Summer examinations. Year 13 students may come in for independent study from Monday to Wednesday (19th-21st October).

Uniform

May I remind parents/carers that as the weather changes going into the Autumn term, only plain black coats no logos of any kind or fur hoods are permitted for students. Also, with regards to footwear, only black smart shoes are permitted (not fashion sneaker style shoes or trainers).

For extreme winter conditions, the following items are also permitted; gloves, hat and scarves - only plain black or navy are permitted. Please note that all non-uniform items will be confiscated and/or a sanction issued.

Half Term

Lastly, a reminder that half term runs for two weeks, commencing week 19th October 2026 and school re-opens on Monday 2nd November 2026 at the usual time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in service,

Mr A Hall
EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Ms R Pabila
HEAD OF SCHOOL