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## Principal Letter (1)

**5th September 2025**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I want to start my first letter of the academic year with an enormous thank you. It has been wonderful to see the College burst back into life over the last few days, but especially to see how smart the students are looking. Your support in making sure your child was able to start the year positively, meeting our tightened uniform expectations, is very much appreciated. As I have said to colleagues, we must now do our bit and support you with ensuring uniform continues to be worn smartly at all times.

From Monday, our uniform hub will be open, so students with a missing piece of correct uniform will be able to be supported in making sure they are either provided what is needed, or it is addressed as quickly as possible. I once again thank you for your ongoing support in our pursuit of excellence in this regard.

On Thursday I led house assemblies speaking to all students over the course of the morning. I reminded them of our high expectations in and out of lessons but more importantly explained why we have these in place. As I explained to them, they deserve to attend a brilliant school and the increasingly high expectations we have of their classwork, effort, appearance and behaviour are all designed so this is the case. The first few days back have been calm and highly purposeful and demonstrates that all students are able to meet these high expectations every day. Building these positive habits will ensure they continue to be successful throughout the academic year.

Finally, please find below some key dates for your diary this term. As ever, if you have any questions or concerns do please get in touch with your child's mentor in the first instance.

I hope you have a really enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

Ian Stoneham

Principal

**Key dates this term:**

- 15th September: Year 7 individual photos
- 18th September: Open Evening
- 22nd September: Parent forum (1)
- 1st October: Year 7 and 11 meet the mentor evening
- 16th October: Year 9 information evening
- 24th October: Half term ends
- 27th-31st October: Half term
- 3rd November: Half term begins
- 17th November: Parent forum (2)
- 17th - 27th November: Year 11 practice exams
- 28th November: Non Pupil Day (Staff training day)
- 3rd and 4th December: Year 7 Parent's evening
- 19th December (1pm): Term ends