

Headteacher: Mr D. Whales | Chair of Governors: Mr A. Brown

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15th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to share some important information regarding the start of the new term in September.

### Week 1

Please note that **Tuesday 1st September** and **Wednesday 2nd September** are staff training days, and the school will be closed to all students.

All students will return to school on **Thursday 3rd September**. To support the transition of our new Year 7 students, we will be operating slightly altered starts to the day on both Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September:

- **Year 7:** Arrive at 8.30am
- **All other year groups:** Arrive at 9.30am

Students will spend time with their tutors and crew leaders, to create a smooth start and allow staff to check in with students following the summer break. Normal lessons will begin after morning break.

### Week 2

Our annual Kick Start programme will take place during the second week of term, from Monday 7th September to Friday 11th September. Kick Start is our whole-school behaviour curriculum and is designed to ensure that all students begin the academic year with the skills, knowledge and habits needed for success. Kick Start teaches this and enables all students to be clear on expectations and the support available to them.

During this week:

- All students must arrive at school by **8.30am** each day.
- Kick Start sessions will take place during **Lessons 1 and 2** each morning.
- Students will then follow their normal lessons until lunchtime.
- Students in **Years 8 to Post-16** will leave school at lunchtime each day:
  - 1.15pm Monday to Thursday
  - 1.45pm on Friday
- Year 7 students will remain in school for the full school day and will finish at 3.15pm each day.

### Week 3

The school will return to its normal full-day timetable for all year groups from Monday 14th September.

We recognise that the summer holiday is a significant period of time away from school, and we know that life does not pause during those six weeks. If there have been any significant changes or developments relating to your child or family that you feel the school should be aware of, please complete the form linked below. This information will be shared with your child's Head of Year and other relevant staff members as appropriate.

Where requested, a member of staff will contact you as close to the start of term as possible to discuss any concerns further and ensure that we are able to provide the best possible support for your child when they return in September.

The form can be located here: [Start of Term Check-In \(September 2026\) – Fill out form](#)

As you prepare for the new academic year, we would also ask that you take time to review our school uniform policy. In particular, please ensure that students avoid having piercings or colouring their hair in unnatural colours during the summer holiday. If your child wears a skirt to school, please take a moment to ensure it is of the correct length; we will have stock of spare skirts for students to change into if required. We want to welcome students back ready to learn and focus our attention on their education from the very first day, rather than dealing with avoidable uniform issues. For your reference, our full uniform policy can be found here: [Ken Stimpson Academy - Uniform Policy](#)

Thank you once again for your partnership and support throughout the year. We wish all of our students and families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr P Swift**  
**Deputy Headteacher**

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