



Gorffenaŵ/July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I appreciate that many families will be looking ahead to the summer holidays and the start of the new school year. With this in mind, I thought it would be helpful to share some important information regarding the end of term, examination results days, arrangements for returning to school in September and key dates for the 2026–27 academic year.

### Transition and Enrichment Day – Thursday 9th July

On **Thursday 9th July**, we will be holding a **Transition and Enrichment Day** for all pupils. The usual timetable will be suspended to allow pupils to take part in activities designed to support their personal development, future progression and preparation for the next stage of their education. We will also be welcoming Year 6 pupils from our partner primary schools to the Lower School site as they begin their transition to Whitchurch High School ahead of September.

The programme for the day includes:

- **Years 7 and 8** will participate in activities linked to our ongoing work towards the **UNICEF UK Rights Respecting Schools Award**, exploring themes such as children's rights, equality, respect, inclusion and participation through the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).
- **Years 9 and 10** will complete learning towards their **Work Skills Qualification**, helping them to develop and evidence the knowledge, skills and experiences required as part of this accreditation.
- **Year 12** pupils will take part in activities to support progression to university, apprenticeships, employment and further training. This will include university application preparation, personal statement development, employability skills and talks from guest speakers.

Although the usual timetable will not be in operation, pupils in **Years 7–10** are expected to attend in full school uniform, as this remains a normal school day.

### Last Day of Term:

The final day of the summer term will be **Friday 17th July 2026**. Please note that this will be a **full school day**, and pupils will be dismissed at the usual time of **3.00pm**.

Whilst many pupils will understandably be looking forward to the summer holidays, the final weeks of term remain an important part of the academic year. We are therefore grateful for your continued support in ensuring that pupils attend regularly, arrive punctually and maintain the high standards of conduct and uniform that we expect throughout the year.

With forecasts suggesting that further hot weather may be possible before the end of term, we will continue to monitor conditions closely and make use of the systems and resources that we have in place to support pupils and staff. Recent investments include new air conditioning units in some of the classrooms most affected by high temperatures and a significant number of additional fans for use across the school. When conditions require, pupils will be advised by their teachers that they may remove their ties and loosen the top button of their shirt. Please note that with any temporary relaxation of uniform pupils will continue to be expected to wear school-appropriate footwear in accordance with the school's Uniform Policy.



**Examination Results Days:** For those pupils receiving exam results

- **A Level Results Day:** Thursday 13th August 2026
- **GCSE Results Day:** Thursday 20th August 2026

Further information regarding the collection of results, post-results services and enrolment arrangements will be shared separately with the relevant year groups.

### Term Dates 2026–27

Please find below the Cardiff Council term dates for the 2026–27 academic year.

Information about future academic years can be found at [Cardiff Council school term dates](#)

Autumn Term 2026	Spring Term 2027	Summer Term 2027
Starts: Tuesday 1st September 2026	Starts: Monday 4th January 2027	Starts: Monday 5th April 2027
Half Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026	Half Term: Monday 8th February – Friday 12th February 2027	Half Term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2027
Ends: Friday 18th December 2026	Ends: Friday 19th March 2027	Ends: Tuesday 20th July 2027

The school's **INSET days for 2026–27** are listed below.

Please note that, whilst every effort is made to avoid changes, INSET dates may occasionally be subject to amendment. Any changes will be communicated to parents and carers as early as possible.

<b>INSET DAY 1</b>	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2026
<b>INSET DAY 2</b>	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2026
<b>INSET DAY 3</b>	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2026
<b>INSET DAY 4</b>	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2027
<b>INSET DAY 5</b>	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2027
<b>INSET DAY 6</b>	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2027



**Return to School – September 2026:** Pupils will return to school as follows:

	Tues 1/9/26	Wed 2/9/26	Thurs 3/9/26	Fri 4/9/26	Monday 7/9/26
<b>Year 7</b>	INSET	INSET	Pupils meet their Wellbeing Tutor on the <b>Main Yard in Lower School</b> from <b>8:30a.m.</b> and then go straight to their Wellbeing Rooms <b>for Periods 1-3</b>  <i>Y7 photos from 9a.m. in Dutch Barn – full school uniform required</i>  Y7 to follow <b>timetabled lessons Period 4 and Period 5</b>	Wellbeing tutors P1.  9:00a.m. assembly in <b>Dutch Barn</b>  Follow full timetable P2-5.	Full timetable
<b>Year 8</b>	INSET	INSET		Wellbeing tutors P1. Follow full timetable P2-5.	Full timetable
<b>Year 9</b>	INSET	INSET		Wellbeing tutors P1. Follow full timetable P2-5.	Full timetable
<b>Year 10</b>	INSET	INSET	Year 10 pupils arrive <b>NOT BEFORE 9.40 a.m.</b> to meet with Wellbeing Tutors for <b>periods 2 and 3</b> on the <b>yard behind the English Block.</b>  Y10 to follow <b>timetabled lessons</b> for <b>period 4 and 5.</b>	Wellbeing tutors P1. Follow full timetable P2-5.	<i>a.m. Y10 school photo – full school uniform required</i>
<b>Year 11</b>	INSET	INSET		Wellbeing tutors P1. Follow full timetable P2-5	Full timetable
<b>Year 12</b>	INSET	INSET	Induction in <b>USH 1:00pm-3:00pm</b>	Induction – All day	Induction  <i>p.m. Y12 school photo</i>
<b>Year 13</b>	INSET	INSET		Wellbeing tutors P1. Follow full timetable P2-5.	Full timetable

### ParentPay Accounts

As we approach the end of the academic year, we kindly ask all parents and carers to take a moment to review their ParentPay accounts. Please ensure that any outstanding balances, including those relating to school meals, trips or equipment, are settled at your earliest convenience.

Prompt settlement of balances helps us to manage school resources effectively and supports a smooth transition into the new academic year. We would be grateful for your assistance with this matter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

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