



Monday 2nd February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: New Build Phasing and Logistics Presentation and Term Dates for 2026/27 and 2027/28

You will be aware that we would normally have published the term dates for next academic year by now, allowing families to make holiday plans. I apologise for not doing this until now, but I have been waiting for clarity from the DFE and Bowmer + Kirkland around the impact of the moves into temporary buildings and into the new school so that this can be factored into our planning. I didn't want to publish our term dates and then have to change them to accommodate the building project.

New Build Phasing and Logistics Presentation

I will be doing a presentation to the parents of current students on **Wednesday 11th March at 6pm in the Hall**, where I will cover the phasing and logistics of the project and how we mitigate any disruption to the normal running of the school. I'm hoping to have other members of the Project Team with me at that event. I will then be doing a presentation to prospective parents at 7pm, then one for the wider community at 8pm.

Academic Year 2025-26

Firstly, in order to facilitate the move of part of the school into temporary accommodation, we are having to change the end of the summer term for this academic year. The **end of term for students will now be 12.30pm on Wednesday 15th July 2026**, which will then give us two full days (Wednesday afternoon until Friday 17th July) to pack the areas of the school that will be moving into the temporary accommodation.

Academic Year 2026-27

The contractor will move all of the packed boxes into the temporary accommodation over the summer holiday, then we have been told that we need to have two closure days to unpack the boxes in the temporary accommodation and be ready for students returning. Therefore the start of the academic year will look like this:

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	INSET Day 1
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	INSET Day 2
Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Unpacking Day 1 (no students in school)
Friday 4 th September 2026	Unpacking Day 2 (no students in school)
Monday 7 th September 2026	First day of term for Year 7, 11, and 12
Tuesday 8 th September 2026	First day of term for all other year groups



Here are the Term Dates and Inset Days for 2026-27:

Autumn Term	Monday 7 th September 2026* - Friday 18 th December 2026 [*Years 7, 11, & 12 will be in on Monday 7 th September, with other year groups returning on Tuesday 8 th September 2026]
<i>Half Term</i>	Saturday 24 th October 2026 - Sunday 1 st November 2026
<i>Christmas Holiday</i>	Saturday 19 th December 2026 - Sunday 3 rd January 2027
Spring Term	Monday 4 th January 2027 - Thursday 25 th March 2027
<i>Half Term</i>	Saturday 13 th February 2027 - Sunday 21 st February 2027
<i>Easter Holiday</i>	Friday 26 th March 2027 - Sunday 11 th April 2027
Summer Term	Monday 12 th April 2027 - Wednesday 21 st July 2027
<i>Half Term</i>	Saturday 29 th May 2027 - Sunday 6 th June 2027

INSET Days: Tuesday 1st September 2026, Wednesday 2nd September 2026, Friday 25th September 2026, Friday 27th November 2026, Monday 25th January 2027.

Academic Year 2027-28

Our new school will open on Monday 28th February 2028, and in order to facilitate the move of the entire school from the existing buildings and the temporary accommodation into the new school building we have been told by the DFE and B+K that we need to have a one week school closure which will be immediately after the half term holiday. The move will take place from 21st February to 25th February 2028, when only staff will be in school. This effectively creates a two week half term for students, although we are looking to have some form of learning provision for our Year 11 and 13 students, who will have exams. More details will be confirmed nearer the time.



Here are the Term Dates and Inset Days for 2027-28:

Autumn Term	Tuesday 7 th September 2027* - Friday 17 th December 2027 [*Years 7, 11, & 12 will be in on Tuesday 7 th September, with other year groups returning on Wednesday 8 th September 2027]
Half Term	Saturday 23 rd October 2027 - Sunday 31 st October 2027
Christmas Holiday	Saturday 18 th December 2027 - Tuesday 4 th January 2028
Spring Term	Wednesday 5 th January 2028 - Friday 7 th April 2028
Half Term	Saturday 12 th February 2028 - Sunday 27 th February 2028 [This includes one week for half term, followed by a week of school closure to facilitate the move of the whole school into our new school building when staff will be in school]
Easter Holiday	Saturday 8 th April 2028 - Sunday 23 rd April 2028
Summer Term	Monday 24 th April 2028 - Friday 21 st July 2028
Half Term	Saturday 27 th May 2028 - Sunday 4 th June 2028

INSET Days: Friday 3rd September 2027, Monday 6th September 2027, Friday 1st October 2027, Monday 20th December 2027, Tuesday 21st December 2027.

I hope that this plan gives clarity in order to allow families to plan holidays for the coming two years, and I look forward to sharing more detail about how the building project is going on 11th March 2026.

Your sincerely,

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