



May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been an incredibly busy term across the academy and I wanted to write and thank you, as always, for your unfaltering support.

Once again our attendance figures are exceptional, with attendance sitting 2.4% above the national average and students with persistent absence sitting 7.7% below the national average. These figures are truly remarkable and are a testament to the attitudes and resilience of our students, the fantastic work of our Achievement and Wellbeing teams but also down to the support and commitment of you as parents. I am immensely grateful.

The summer examination series has begun for Year 11 and 13 and I have been proud of both sets of students for their commitment and positivity. I have also been really proud of the way in which the entire school population has come together and been so respectful in a crucial time for these young people. I hope all of our students, especially those with examinations still to come, manage to get a good rest over the half term.

When we return after half term, I would be grateful if you could ensure that your child has the correct uniform and necessary equipment. Our uniform policy can be found here: [Uniform Policy 2024-25.docx - Google Docs](#). As a reminder, jewellery should be kept to a minimum, with only a watch and a single stud in the lobe of each ear permitted.

After half term, we have a number of significant events in the calendar with our final immersion day, our summer celebration event, Year 11 and Year 13 Prom, our Spencer Superstars event, our trip day extravaganza, our Year 6 transition days and our Year 8 graduation. Further information will follow for relevant year groups in due course.

Two key events to highlight include our annual 'HeanorFest' and Sports Day. Tickets will soon be on sale for 'HeanorFest' - a celebration of the finest music and performing arts in school as well as showcasing new and emerging performers.

This largely outdoor event will take place on Tuesday 8 July, starting at 6pm, with performances taking place over three stages around the school site. Students from across all year groups will be demonstrating their music and drama skills covering a wide variety of styles. There will also be BBQ and drinks areas as well as an ice cream van and face paint/glitter art to get you in the festival spirit. We are due some fine weather and it is always a great occasion.

Our annual School Sports Day is scheduled for Friday 11 July. All students Y7-10 will get the opportunity to take part in a variety of sporting events including: athletics, rounders, football, benchball and rowing! We encourage all students to get involved and enjoy the day to earn points for their House!

Lastly, I would like to take this moment to publicly announce that my esteemed colleague and Vice Principal, Mr Andy Stanley, will be leaving the academy at the end of this academic year. Andy has been at the school since 2010 and has been an integral part of the academy's leadership team. He has masterminded the evolution of our curriculum and teaching pedagogy, which culminated in the 2023 Outstanding Ofsted judgement, our recognition through World Class Schools status and most importantly secured consistently excellent outcomes for our students. Andy has secured the post of 'Head of Secondary Education' at Kent College in Cairo, Egypt, where I am sure he will make a huge impact on a new community.

Whilst we will miss Andy greatly, I look forward to welcoming Mrs Katie Cook (former Curriculum Team Leader for English) to the senior leadership team from September 2025 and I am truly excited for the next phase of our journey to continue driving forward standards in education for our young people.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Jones', with a small flourish at the end.

Mr M Jones
Principal