

8 July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

## End of Term

As we come to the end of my first year at Jarrow School, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your continued support throughout this journey. Your encouragement and partnership have made a real difference, and I am truly grateful. It has been a privilege to work with such a fantastic group of students - each one bringing energy, curiosity, and kindness to our school community. Their enthusiasm and resilience have made this year both rewarding and inspiring. The newsletter will be sent out next week which celebrates all of the achievements this term.

The last day of term is **Friday 18 July** and students will end the day at **12.05pm**. Students can have a school lunch if they wish and then leave school to begin their holiday.

## Attendance and Punctuality Update

Attendance to school in the final week is as important as any other time. Teachers often use this time to review key concepts and reinforce learning, ensuring students have a solid understanding of the material covered throughout the term. It provides an opportunity for students to reflect on their achievements, celebrate their progress, and gain a sense of closure before the break. 446 students have an attendance of over 95% this year so far and we are very proud of them. This will be celebrated by Head of Year in upcoming assemblies.

During the final week we will include the following special events:

- **Sports day – Tuesday 15 July**
- **Trip day – Thursday 17 July**
- Non-uniform on **Friday 18 July**. If possible, we are asking students to bring in either a book or uniform that is too small for your child.

Some things to remember ...

- If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school as soon as possible to let us know the reason why.
- Avoiding school can make a child's anxiety about going to school worse. It's good to talk to us about this anxiety and allow us to help.
- It is fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold.

**Rest assured that positive school attendance is still very much top of our agenda, and we will be working tirelessly with all parents to ensure your children are in school accessing the best that Jarrow School can offer.**

## House System

It is our vision to develop a strong school community, where students feel a true sense of belonging and gain the best experience possible throughout their 5 years here. Students all now know which House they will be in and can look forward to earning points from September.

Progress continues to be made towards the launch of our House System in September 2025. Thank you to all Staff, Students, Parents and Governors who voted to determine the names of Bede, Cookson, Palmer and Wilkinson to represent our Jarrow School Community.

Following confirmation of the names, a competition was held to design a Crest to represent each of the Houses. A shortlist was determined and voted on by the students with the winning designs brought to digital life by Mr Bell. A massive well done to Laila Kelly (Bede), Grace Fleming (Cookson), Kate O'Malley (Palmer) and Ellie-Rose Nicholson (Y7) for their winning designs.



## Reminders:

- **School starts at 8.40am.** All students are expected to be in form class by then. They should aim to be **inside the school gates for 8.35am**. Students who attend after 8.40am will receive a consequence.
- **Mobile phones** must be turned off and in bags as soon as students enter the school site. The mobile phone policy can be found [here](#).
- **Jewellery, other than a wristwatch, is not permitted** and must be removed before entering the school building.
- Our [Behaviour for Learning Policy](#).

## Key dates

- **Friday 18 July** – School ends at **12.05pm**.
- **Tuesday 2 September** – New **Year 7 students only** return to school
- **Wednesday 3 September** – **All students** return to school. On the yard for **8.35am prompt**.
- **Thursday 18 September** – Year 10 and Year 11 Information Evening 5-6pm
- **Tuesday 18 November** – Year 10 Work Experience Information Evening 5-6pm
- **W/C 24 November** – Year 11 Mocks (End on Friday 5 December)

Yours faithfully

Mr P Atkinson  
Headteacher