

18 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to share what has been a fantastic start to the new academic year.

Our students have returned to school with a positive attitude towards learning and have quickly embedded our core values of **Respect, Resilience and Responsibility** in all aspects of school life. It has been wonderful to see students demonstrating these values in lessons, around the school site and in their interactions with one another.

We are particularly pleased with our attendance figures, which have made the strongest start to a school year in recent times. Excellent attendance has a significant positive impact on students' outcomes, personal development and future opportunities. We thank parents and carers for supporting their children to attend school every day and arrive on time.

Student recognition has also been exceptionally high during these first few weeks. Staff have been delighted to celebrate the achievements, effort and positive contributions of so many students. We believe that recognising success helps to build confidence, motivation and a strong sense of belonging within our school community.

Our whole-school assemblies during the first two weeks of term have focused on **raising aspirations** and the importance of developing **positive habits** that lead to success. We have encouraged students to think about their future goals, ambitions and the opportunities available to them through education, hard work and determination. We would strongly encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home by discussing future aspirations, career possibilities and personal dreams with their children. These discussions can play a powerful role in motivating young people to aim high and make the most of every opportunity.

As always, the safety, wellbeing and happiness of our students remain our highest priorities. We continue to encourage all students to speak to an appropriate member of staff if they are worried, upset or unhappy about anything. Our pastoral teams, teachers and support staff are always available to listen and provide help when needed.

Finally, I would like to make you aware that the **school reception will close early on Wednesday 23 September**. This is because all staff will be undertaking compulsory **allergy and anaphylaxis training**, a statutory requirement linked to **Benedict's Law**. This training is an important part of ensuring that we are able to provide the highest standards of care and safety for all students. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to building on this positive start and working together to ensure every student has a successful, safe and rewarding year.

Yours faithfully,



Mr P Atkinson
Head Teacher