



14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter outlines all of the information you require regarding the return to school in September and some important changes that have been made for next school year.

### Inset Days

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 is an inset day, with school closed to all pupils.

### Pupils' Return

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025, Year 7 will start school at 8.35am. When Year 7 arrive, they need to go straight to the Hall.

Years 8 to 11 will be expected at school at 9.30am and will go straight to their new form room.

### School Day

There are some changes to the school day next year, although the start time remains at 8.35am and school finishes at 3.05pm.

The timings of the day are:

8.35am-9.05am	Morning Registration and Assembly.
9.05am-10.20am	Period 1
10.20am-11.35am	Period 2
11.35am-11.55am	Break
11.55am-1.10pm	Period 3
1.10pm-1.50pm	Lunch
1.50pm-3.05pm	Period 4
3.10pm onwards	Extra-curricular Activities

The key changes are:

- An increase to form period in a morning, to allow for more time with the form tutor and to cover aspects of the personal development curriculum.
- A move to 4 periods a day of 75 minutes, rather than the current 6 periods of 50 minutes. This is to allow more time for topics to be covered in more depth, without the need for double lessons.
- An increase of 5 minutes to break and to lunch.

### Year Groups

The Year Group system has worked incredibly well this year.

Just to remind you, the Heads of Year and Pastoral Support Leader in each year group are as follows:

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**Headteacher: Mr A Weatherhogg**

- Year 7 – Mrs Perks and Mrs Rees
- Year 8 – Mr Penn and Mrs Yeomans
- Year 9 – Mr Wood and Miss Dufficy
- Year 10 – Mr Hope and Mrs Stockton
- Year 11 – Miss Lloyd and Mrs Williams

In most instances, your first port of call should be the form teacher. Please address any questions, issues or concerns to them first.

### Calendar

Find attached to this letter a calendar of important dates for parents. Please note that as well as the first INSET day in September, there will be inset days on:

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

The school's Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025. School will close at 2pm to pupils.

### Uniform

Further guidance regarding the School's uniform policy can be found on our website ([here](#)) and more detailed correspondence will be forthcoming.

Please may I remind you that ties must be worn at all times. Failure to attend school wearing a tie will lead to your child being provided with one for the day. If they do not return it then you may be billed for that tie.

In addition, piercings are often a problem at the start of a new term. No facial piercings are allowed. Please ensure these are removed before pupils come to school or a clear retainer is in place for one nose piercing only. Just having had it done will not be an acceptable excuse to be wearing them.

Leggings are not allowed to be worn instead of school trousers.

Finally, can you ensure that your child is wearing shoes that are all black.

### Attendance

Attendance here at Wordsley has improved notably this year. Being at school is the key determining factors in how well your child is likely to do, both at school and afterwards. Research shows that attendance below 95% has a serious impact on what a child will go on to do when they leave school and how much they are, on average, likely to earn. Just 9 days off per year can tip you below the 95% figure.

Attendance to school is also a habit. Those who attend school in week one are more likely to continue to attend throughout the year. Please can I ask for your support in getting your child to school in September, 5 days per week, 195 days per year.

### Staffing Update

We have a small number of staff leaving us this year:

- Mrs Velasquez (Spanish) is retiring after incredible service to the school lasting over 30 years.
- Mrs Griffiths (English) is retiring after impressive service to the school lasting 17 years.
- Mrs Williams (Spanish) is leaving for pastures new.

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We thank them all for their service to the school and wish them well for the future.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer and we look forward to welcoming your child back on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025.

Yours sincerely,



Ashley Weatherhogg  
Headteacher

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