



27th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school year continues to fly by, with plenty of things going on at The Wordsley School. The aim of this letter is to update you with some key dates for your diary.

Inset Day and Bank Holiday

Friday 1st May 2026 is an Inset day, with the school closed to pupils.

Monday 4th May 2026 is a Bank holiday, so school is also closed.

Year 11

GCSE exams are approaching at pace, with many pupils having sat practical exams already. The first exam is Drama and takes place on Friday 8th May 2026. On Monday 11th May it is English Literature and Business Studies. Please check the exam and booster timetable you have been sent previously. The vast majority of pupils have really knuckled down and are revising well. Please support us in encouraging your child to do so.

Prom tickets continue to sell well. If you have not gotten your child's yet, please do so.

Year 10

Mock exams are scheduled to begin on Thursday 18th June 2026. Pupils are being shown how to revise with a weekly 'technique of the week'. This week is revision cards, with mind maps covered last week. Subject teachers will be helping to prepare pupils for what they are going to be tested on. Please help us to do so by emphasising the importance of these exams, as we can get a realistic picture of where pupils are at and can hone in on the areas they need to improve. These results will also inform grades that will be shared with further education and training providers.

Key Stage 3 Assessment Point Two

Years 7 to 9 will begin sitting their second assessment point from Monday 11th May. This period will be spaced out over the following four school weeks. This will help us to assess the progress that will be made throughout the curriculum and where each pupil is at as they reach the end of this academic year. It will also help us to plan provision for them going forward.

Trips and Events

Year 7:

- Monday 11th May 2026 they will be visiting PGL at Boreatton Park for three days of outdoor activities and adventure.
- Thursday 2nd July 2026 they will be visiting Kenilworth Castle as part of the History curriculum.
- Wednesday 8th July 2026 is parents' evening.

Year 9:

- Final options are coming out this week.

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Year 10:

- Friday 22nd May 2026 Geography pupils will be visiting Carding Mill Valley on to undertake their fieldwork.
- Friday 12th June 2026 is the bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition will take place.
- Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July is work experience.
- Wednesday 8th July 2026 is a careers visit to the University of Worcester.
- Friday 15th 2026 July is parents' evening.

There is also a football trip to the Netherlands departing on Monday 8th June 2026. Hopefully one English team can bring back some silverware this summer.

Rewards events, as well as house competitions within school, will be taking place over the summer. We would love it if all pupils signed up and represented their House.

Uniform

As we enter the period of warmer weather, we often encounter different challenges when it comes to uniform. Please can I ask for your support with:

- Facial piercings – one clear nose retainer is all that is allowed. Please do not send your child to school with new piercings that they claim cannot be removed.
- Skirts need to be knee length and appropriate materials for school.
- Ties must be worn with the top button down up.
- Shoes must be all black.
- Blazers should be worn to school. Teachers will allow them to be taken off on warmer days. Coats and jackets, if still worn, must zip up from top to bottom.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones should not be seen or heard in school. As per our school policy, they may be confiscated if seen. Texting a parent or carer is not a valid reason to be on a phone. If they need to contact you, arrangements will always be made. This is becoming a bigger issue in the news and being discussed in Parliament. Thank you for your support in making the school a safer and more purposeful place.

Thank you as always for your support with your child's education. In the three years I have been here I have been impressed and humbled by the lengths you go to in order to support them in their education. Together with the staff here at Wordsley, we can continue to help the school go from strength to strength for the benefit of the pupils.

Yours sincerely,



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