



All Saints'
Academy
Cheltenham

Year 7 Transition

A Guide for Parents and Carers



Welcome



Mr B Williams
Principal

I would like to extend my welcome to All Saints' Academy. All Saints' has been recognised as a place of high achievement and progress, where all children are included.

This is an exciting time in a young person's life. Transitioning to secondary school at All Saints' opens the door to a world of opportunities, encouraging students to envision all they can achieve in the years ahead.

Our vision is that our students will feel a deep sense of belonging at All Saints', allowing each individual to learn and be formed in character, knowledge and wisdom.

In the years to come, your children will learn volumes, achieve great exam outcomes, perform in shows, compete across many sports, lead other students, serve in the community and eventually develop into adults who will have a huge impact in every area of their lives.

Our success will be measured in the impact that your children have both at and beyond All Saints'. They will be light in the world, excelling in all they do, leading and serving others.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Academy in the coming months as we prepare for the start of the new academic year.

As Head of Year 7 Transition, I am the link between All Saints' Academy and the primary schools around our local community. This allows me to support you in the next stage of your educational journey. We are eagerly waiting to make your transition to secondary school smooth and enjoyable.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all in person. Alongside our team of tutors, the Academy will not only lead your academic progress but will also support your pastoral care to ensure that you grow as an independent and well-rounded learner.

There is a real sense of community and unity here, and you will be welcomed with open arms when you join us in September.

This is just the start of your All Saints' journey, and it's going to be so much fun!



Miss H Baynham-Williams
Head of Year 7 Transition

Safeguarding and Pastoral Support



Mrs Mitchell
Year 7 Progress Leader

A very warm welcome to All Saints' Academy. I am the Year 7 Progress Leader. My role is to help you settle in quickly and feel confident as you begin life in secondary school. I work closely with our Year 7 tutors, and I lead the Year 7 tutor team, so there will always be a familiar adult who knows you well and can support you.

I am also a PE teacher, and I love helping students build confidence, teamwork and resilience, both in lessons and in daily Academy life. I have been part of All Saints' Academy since it opened, and being the Year 7 Progress Leader is a role I truly enjoy.

If you have a worry, a question, or just need a chat, please come and see me. We are here for you, every step of the way.



Mrs Herrick
*Assistant Vice Principal - Inclusion
and SENDCo, Safeguarding Lead*

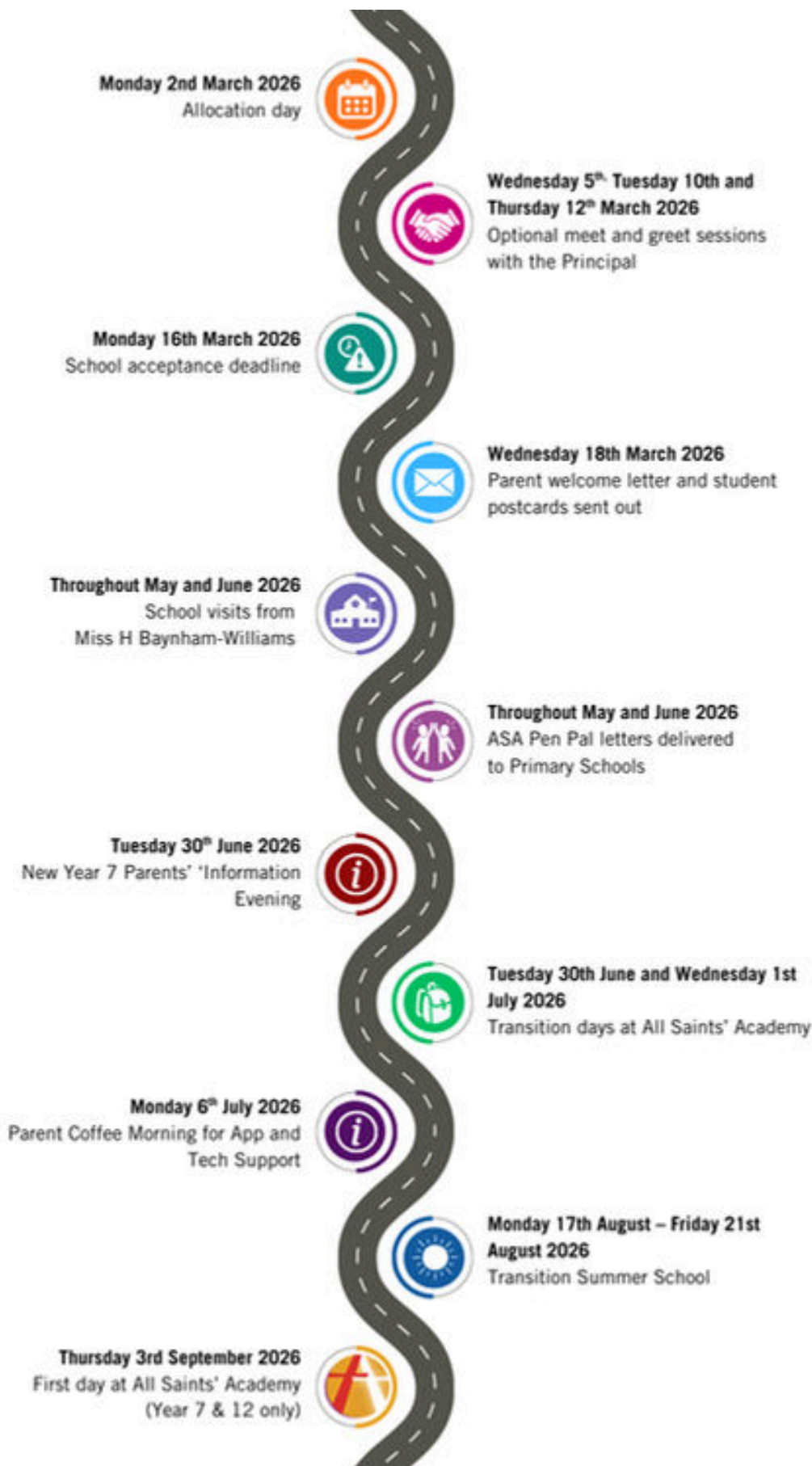
At All Saints' Academy, we lead a whole-Academy approach to positive mental health, wellbeing and safeguarding. We recognise that emotional wellbeing is just as important as physical health and that it plays a key role in every student's learning and achievement.

All young people experience ups and downs, and some face challenges that need extra support. We build resilience, prevent problems where possible and offer help whenever it's needed. Safeguarding sits at the heart of our Academy, and we always prioritise the best interests of each young person.

You will be supported by our dedicated pastoral team, who work closely with students and families throughout their time with us. Our chaplaincy team also provides opportunities for prayer, worship and spiritual support, and they are always available for students who need someone to talk to.

If you have any concerns, you can contact our Safeguarding Team at safeguarding@asachelt.org.

Your Child's Journey to ASA



Our Vision and Values



Our Vision and the All Saints' Way

Starting Year 7 is an exciting step. At All Saints' Academy, our vision and values help everyone feel that they belong, are supported and can achieve their best. They guide how we learn, behave and treat one another every day.

The All Saints' Academy Vision

Who we are:

In line with our Christian tradition, we believe that all of us are uniquely made, valuable and belong at All Saints' Academy.

Why are we here:

Through community and learning, we are formed in character, knowledge and wisdom to be light in the world through excellence in service and leadership.

How we are living together:

Our values of love, service, respect, reconciliation, justice and peace shape the 'All Saints' Way'. With our vision, the All Saints' Way shapes how we lead, how we make decisions, how we include others, and how we value other people.

The All Saints' Way

In all we do and say...

- We put other people's needs first
- We listen to understand, aspiring to excellence
- We take responsibility and include everyone

These simple commitments help us build a calm, respectful Academy where everyone can thrive, learn well and feel safe to be themselves.

The Academy Day

All students follow a two-week timetable. There are 5 lessons per day, each lasting an hour. Students should arrive at the Academy for 8:30am where they will line up outside in tutor groups. The Academy day finishes at 3:15pm, at which time enrichment sessions begin. A bell is used to signify the end of each session.

At our Academy, we operate two separate timetables simultaneously to ensure a smooth and efficient school day, particularly during break and lunch times.

Timetable 1: Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11

Timetable 2: Year 8, Year 10, and Sixth Form

Year 7 Timetable

Arrive at the Academy

Meet, Greet and Pray in tutor rooms

Reading

Lesson 1

First Break (Y7, Y9 and Y11)

Lesson 2

Lesson 3

Lunch (Y7, Y9 and Y11)

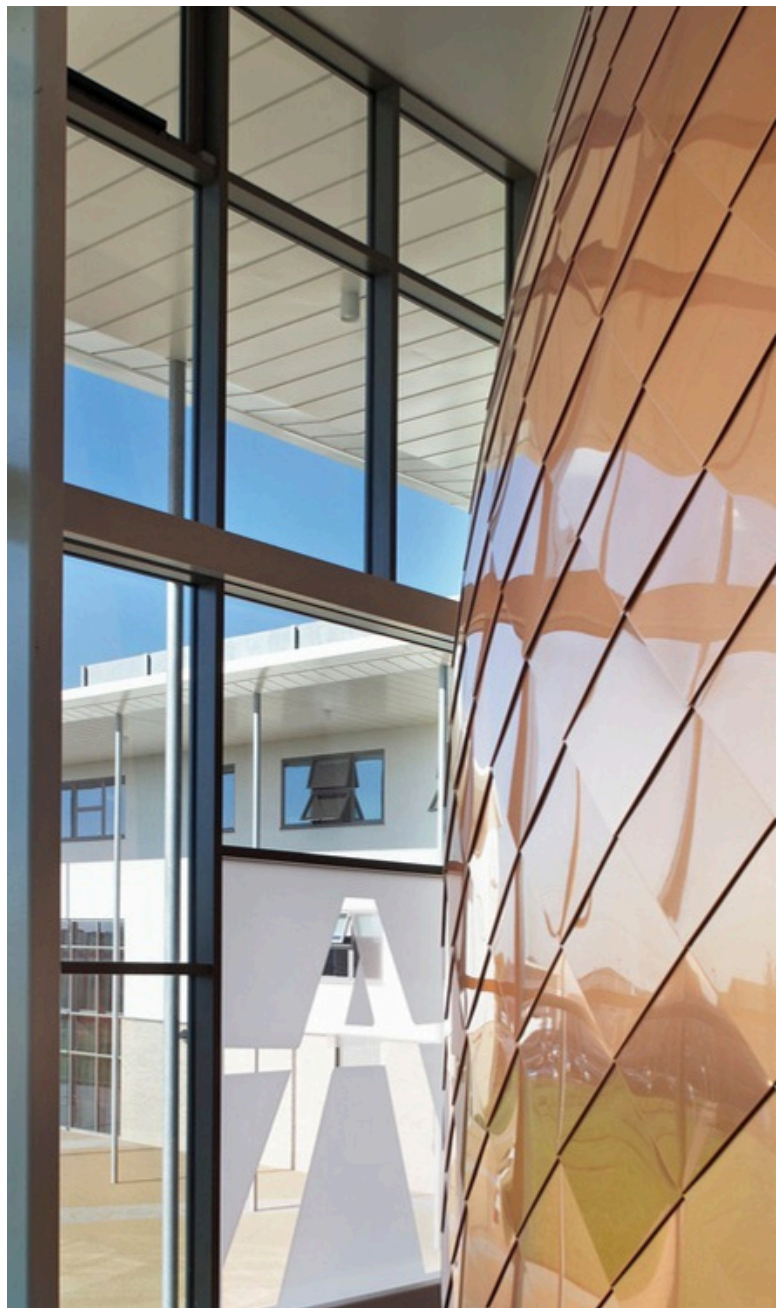
Lesson 4

Lesson 5

Tutor time/Collective Act of Worship

Enrichment Sessions

- Homework Club
- Subject revision
- Sports practice
- Interest clubs



Equipment

Each student is expected to bring the following items to school every day:

School Bag

Must be large enough to carry equipment, books, and a PE kit. Small handbags are not acceptable.

Stationery (in a clear pencil case)

- Pens
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener



Additional Items

- Reading book - this will be essential for their personal reading during morning registration time
- A refillable bottle which can be refilled at our water stations
- Dictionary and/or Language dictionary
- Calculator

Personal Belongings

Do NOT bring valuable items into the Academy with you. The Academy cannot be held responsible if they get lost or stolen.



Mobile Phones

We are committed to helping students achieve their best by maintaining a focused learning environment. Research shows that schools banning mobile phones see improved academic performance, mental well-being, and social skills. Mobile phones cause distraction and can negatively impact mental health; therefore, they must be switched off and handed in to tutors during Meet, Greet and Pray. They will be stored securely in locked boxes and returned during tutor time at the end of the day.

Uniform



At All Saints' Academy, our uniform has been thoughtfully selected to ensure a sense of pride in both individual appearance and in the Academy itself.

Below is a list of the uniform items - our stockist can provide a complete price list.

- A plain black blazer featuring the Academy logo on the breast pocket.
- A black jumper with the Academy logo.
- A plain black skirt (minimum 22" long) paired with black tights, not leggings, plain black trousers or Academy-branded skirt/trousers if you prefer.
- A black tie displaying the Academy logo.
- A white collared shirt with a top button.
- Black lace-up or slip-on shoes, paired with black socks.



You can contact our stockist at:

Monkhouse, 252 High Street, Cheltenham, GL50 3HF

<https://www.monkhouse.com/school/school-all-saints-academy-cheltenham-urn-ey469335>

PE Kit

A list of PE Kit is provided below. Our stockists will be able to provide a full price list. Long hair must be tied back, and watches and earrings must be removed.

- A unisex PE polo shirt
- For students wearing a boys' PE kit: A long-sleeved rugby top
- For students wearing a girls' PE kit: A PE jumper
- A plain black pair of jogging bottoms or leggings
- A plain black pair of shorts or a skort (cycling shorts are not permitted)
- Black or red sports socks
- A pair of trainers that will support and cushion your child's feet and joints through practical activities

Hair, Make-Up and Jewellery

Permitted Items

- Simple, hair-coloured hair accessories
- A watch
- One small stud earring per ear lobe (maximum of one per ear)
- One small nose stud
- Natural-looking make-up

Prohibited Items

- Extreme haircuts, including patterns, lines, or shaved designs
- Bright or unnatural hair colours
- Large bows or excessively large hair accessories
- Haircuts shorter than a Grade 2
- Nail colour or nail extensions of any kind
- Any jewellery other than the permitted watch, stud earrings, or nose stud



What People Say About Us

“I love being at school because my teachers make lessons really fun, so it’s easier to learn. They always listen to us in class and really care about helping us do our best. I’ve learned so much already, and there are so many new subjects and fun enrichment activities to try! I also feel more independent now, especially at break and lunch, which makes school even better.”

Marcel, Year 7 Student

“My teachers make lessons really fun here at All Saints’, and I always feel safe and happy because the staff really care about us. I’m learning so many different subjects and have made loads of new friends. One of the best things I’ve done so far was taking part in the Academy production of The Little Mermaid!”

Katie, Year 8 Student

“His progress wouldn’t have been possible without the Academy’s support!”

“I have noticed a massive improvement in my child’s attitude towards school work, and his term results were very good. I must thank all the teachers of ASA for their hard work towards this progress.”

Year 7 Parent

“I am incredibly grateful to the dedicated educational and administrative team at the Academy for their support and commitment. In such a short time, my child has made remarkable progress, despite being new to the country. The encouragement and guidance provided by the staff have made a huge difference, and I truly appreciate all their efforts.”

Year 7 Parent

MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) App



The MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) Parent App is an essential tool for parents and carers to stay connected with their child's school life. It provides real-time access to important information, helping parents support their child's education effectively.

How to Access MCAS

- Download the MCAS app from the App Store or Google Play Store.
- All Saints' Academy will provide you with your login details in June/July.
- For any login issues, please contact the school office admin@asachelt.org

What Can Parents Use MCAS For?

- Checking attendance
- Viewing timetables
- Tracking behaviour and achievement
- Receiving school communications
- Making payments
- Checking reports and assessments
- Updating personal details

Enrichment



At All Saints' Academy, we offer a variety of enrichment programmes to ensure our students have the opportunity to have life in all its fullness. We also offer several incredible trip opportunities.

Examples of the activities on offer:

- Homework Club
- Subject Revision
- Sports Practice
- Drama Club
- Choir
- Computing Club
- Music Instrument Lessons
- Creative Writing
- Combined Cadet Force (CCF)
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Exam Intervention
- Chess Club
- Chaplaincy Club
- Art Club

All clubs can be booked via the MyChildAtSchool app.



Recent and upcoming trips:

- Year 7 Retreat
- Austria Ski Trip
- Bormio Ski Trip
- Theatre Trips
- New York
- Tanzania Mission Trip
- Reward Trips
- Escape Rooms
- Iceland
- Paris



Attendance and Swap Shop



We aim to make attending school a positive and rewarding experience for all our students. Alongside engaging lessons and a supportive environment, we celebrate effort and commitment through initiatives such as our weekly Swap Shop, where students earn tickets for hard work and good attendance and can exchange them for rewards.

Our much-loved “fuzzies” have been a huge hit, and students recently enjoyed an exciting Make Your Own Fuzzy workshop as part of our enrichment offer. By recognising success and creating moments of fun, we hope every student feels motivated, valued, and excited to come to school each day.



Restaurant

Loaves and Fishes is the Academy's centrally-located restaurant, offering a variety of hot and cold snacks at break and lunchtime. In addition to the main dining hall, there are two smaller counters open during these times which serve street food and cold meals, giving students more choice and helping to ease congestion. During the summer months, we also serve food outside from a pop-up, allowing students to enjoy their meals in the fresh air while making the most of the warmer weather.

At lunchtime, students can choose the meal of the day or select from a range of sandwiches, rolls, and other hot or cold snacks. A selection of healthy drinks is also available. Alternatively, students may bring a packed lunch.

Students can purchase their lunch by simply pressing their finger onto a fingerprint reader, which is linked to their personal account. Parents and carers can top up dinner money via the MCAS (MyChildAtSchool) app, ensuring a quick and secure payment process. Please note that food cannot be purchased with cash.

Free School Meals

- If your child received free school meals in primary school, their entitlement will continue automatically - there's no need to reapply.
- A daily allowance will be credited to your child's account.
- Any unused allowance will not carry over to the next day.

If you need to apply for free school meals, please contact:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

Lunch Week 1

All our ingredients are locally sourced and delivered fresh by local suppliers. Our eggs are free-range and Red Lion stamped, our fish is sustainably sourced and MSC approved and our meat is British Red Tractor accredited wherever possible.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Crispy Chicken Burger with Seasoned Wedges, Slaw, BBQ Beans	Beef Chilli with Spicy Rice, Green Salad, Nachos	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas	Chicken Tikka Masala with Pilaf Rice, Green Beans, Garlic Naan bread	Battered Fish, Sausage With chips, Baked Beans
Plant Based / Vegetarian Main Meal	Veggie Burger with Seasoned Wedges, Slaw, BBQ Beans	Vegetable Chilli with Spicy Rice, Green Salad, Nachos	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry with Pilaf Rice, Green Beans, Garlic Naan Bread	Sweet Potato Falafel Gyros with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans
Street Food	Piri Piri Chicken Wrap	Chicken Burrito	Folded Tikka Naan	Southern fried chicken wrap	Cheesy chips
Takeaway Tubs	Penne Arrabiata or Tomato & Chorizo	Penne Arrabiata or Tomato & Mascarpone	Penne Arrabiata or Chicken & Tomato	Penne Arrabiata or Mac & Cheese	Penne Arrabiata or Roasted Vegetable
Pizza Slice	Margherita or Pepperoni	Margherita or Ham & Tomato	Margherita or Chicken & Sweetcorn	Margherita or American Hot	Margherita or BBQ Chicken
Jacket Potato	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings	Available daily with a range of delicious fillings
Desserts	Selection of cold desserts or cake	Selection of cold desserts or cake	Selection of cold desserts or cake	Selection of cold desserts or cake	Selection of cold desserts or cake

Meal Deal








Main Meal with vegetables and dessert

All of our main meals, sandwiches & desserts are freshly made on site every day.

Term Dates

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2026/2027

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER						
Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon	5	12	19	26	Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues	6	13	20	27	Tues	3	10	17	24	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	7	14	21	28	Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thur	3	10	17	24	Thur	1	8	15	22	29	Thur	5	12	19	26	
Fri	4	11	18	25	Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri	6	13	20	27	
Sat	5	12	19	26	Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat	7	14	21	28	
Sun	6	13	20	27	Sun	4	11	18	25	Sun	1	8	15	22	29	
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY						
Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues	5	12	19	26	Tues	2	9	16	23	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	6	13	20	27	Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thur	3	10	17	24	31	Thur	7	14	21	28	Thur	4	11	18	25	
Fri	4	11	18*	25	Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	5	12	19	26	Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	6	13	20	27	Sun	3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28	
MARCH					APRIL					MAY						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	5	12	19	26	Mon	3	10	17	24	31
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues	6	13	20	27	Tues	4	11	18	25	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	Wed	7	14	21	28	Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thur	4	11	18	25	Thur	1	8	15	22	29	Thur	6	13	20	27	
Fri	5	12	19	26	Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri	7	14	21	28	
Sat	6	13	20	27	Sat	3	10	17	24	Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	4	11	18	25	Sun	2	9	16	23	30	
JUNE					JULY					AUGUST						
Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon	5	12	19	26	Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues	6	13	20	27	Tues	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	7	14	21	28	Wed	4	11	18	25	
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Fri	4	11	18	25	Fri	2	9	16*	23	30	Fri	6	13	20	27	
Sat	5	12	19	26	Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat	7	14	21	28	
Sun	6	13	20	27	Sun	4	11	18	25	Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

CPD (Students do not attend) 	Year 7 and 12 only at 8:30am 	Whole Academy return at 8:30am 	Week A  Week B 
Holidays 	Bank Holidays 	* = Half Day finish	



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our website and social media channels.

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