

13th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the summer holidays I wanted to update you regarding some important considerations for the new academic year.

Smartphone and Smart Device Free School

From September we will become a smartphone and smart device free school in line with Government guidance and our research that shows that they regularly negatively impact learning, student safety and mental wellbeing.

Further specific instructions will be issued, but in simple terms these devices will be banned from the site and significant sanctions applied if they are found, seen or heard at any point.

We have comprehensively addressed safety concerns in our FAQ document and, as now, contact can always be made via reception.

From 1st September any confiscated devices must be collected by an adult at the end of the confiscation period and there will be no exceptions.

Our own consultation on these measures showed overwhelming support from staff, over 30% of parents and many on our student leadership body.

We believe that this will be a hugely positive change for our students, their learning and their wellbeing.

Uniform

Many families will be buying new items of clothing over the summer. We do not seek conflict with students or their parents over the various trends and fashions of the moment, so I want to be very clear what we expect.

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| Blazer: | Must be purchased from our uniform supplier and worn whilst on site. |
| Jumper: | Not required, but if it is worn it must be our branded jumper from our uniform supplier. |
| Trousers & Skirts: | Any formal navy colour suitable for work is acceptable – not black please. Skirts can be straight cut or pleated but must be of knee length. |

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Shoes: Black shoes only. Only leather trainers capable of being polished are acceptable – not fabric ones.

Tie & Lanyard: In the year colour.

In addition, hooded tops and denim jackets are not allowed in school or on the way to and from school.

Hats, bandanas, durags or any other head coverings not stipulated in the uniform policy are not allowed and will be confiscated.

Start of Term

Term begins for Year 7 & Year 12 on Wednesday 2nd September. Timings will be provided shortly.

All students return on Thursday 3rd September at 08:40. The student entrance gates are closed promptly at this time. Students should leave plenty of time to arrive well before then when they are expected to be at TQA Welcome ready for the start of their day. This includes an allowance for public transport delays. We will only make exception when public transport has been closed or severely affected by an emergency, verified by Transport for London.

The last four weeks here have been incredibly busy with examinations, several Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, trips, visits and charity work. All these things make us proud of our students and this community.

This week we still have Sports Day, Academy Day and Culture Day before we break for the summer. All of these events are part of the rich cultural capital enjoyed by our students and I would like to publicly thank the staff who freely give extra time to make all of this possible.

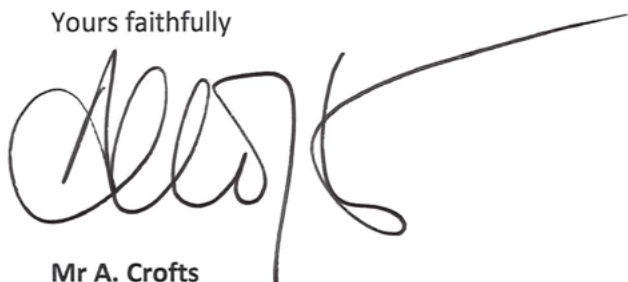
It was also a pleasure to see many of you at last week's Awards Evenings when we celebrated academic excellence, our LEARN values and 100% attendees. Thank you for braving the heat to recognize and reward those achievements.

I am pleased to say that we are fully staffed for September, we are looking forward to the amended timings of our school day designed to maximise good learning and of course excited by what our Year 11 and Year 13 students will achieve on their results days in August. More on that in September.

I hope that you have a good summer break. If your children are leaving us for Year 11 or 13 we wish them the very best for whatever is next and to everyone else, including what looks like being one of our largest ever Q6 cohorts in recent years, I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

With very best wishes.

Yours faithfully



Mr A. Crofts
Executive Principal