

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents & Families

As we conclude the final week of this short half-term, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate everything and everyone who has made these past few weeks so successful.

You may have noticed my weekly visits to classrooms on social media intended to celebrate everything that is good and great about our subjects and students. What has struck me the most about these visits is the pride shown by both students and staff. Teachers are always keen to highlight the hard work and successes of their classes, and it is equally fantastic to talk directly to the students about their learning. I thoroughly look forward to continuing these visits in the new term.

Of course, it would be remiss of me not to mention our Year 11 students in this letter. From successfully completing our new 'Power Hour' initiative to commencing their official exams, this year group continues to go from strength to strength. They should be incredibly proud of their hard work so far.

Just a small word of warning: it is easy to let all that good work go to waste by taking your foot off the gas over the next few weeks. Keep revising. Keep working closely with our staff. Keep doing exactly what you have been doing. All this dedication will hopefully add up to some fantastic results and plenty of smiley faces this summer!

This year, we have placed attendance front and centre of our school priorities to ensure that all students are making the most of the opportunities available to them. While we still have some room for improvement, it has been pleasing to see that the school is moving firmly in the right direction.

Over the past five weeks, the school's attendance has been, on average, 5% higher each week compared to the exact same weeks in previous years. This clearly demonstrates the commitment of our students and the incredible support you are providing at home. Well done to everyone who has improved or consistently maintained good attendance this term, and thank you to our families for your continued partnership.

Our students are also now close to achieving an incredible milestone for 'On Track' points awarded this year. Collectively the total now sits finger tips away 400,000 'On Track' Points! This is a remarkable total and is a testament to the hard work and effort of every student and year group.

A great example of this collective achievement is our current Year 11 students, who have amassed 75,000 points this year alone. This is particularly impressive as it's a similar number to the whole school's total for the 2023-2024. This excellent performance is mirrored across the school, with year groups either matching or exceeding this impressive score. In the final term we will be looking to award as many students as possible with an invitation to the Celebration Carnival. Look out for information about this

Finally, a huge well done to all the students who have been involved in a brilliant range of extra-curricular events and activities this term. These have included: The

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Day, UK Maths Challenge, MNSP Sports Festival, Youth Parliament Trip and MNSP Book Awards. In a term where the focus is quite rightfully on Year 11 and exam preparation, it is wonderful to see these vital opportunities continuing for our other year groups. My thanks, as always, goes to the staff who have given up their time to make these events happen.

I wish everyone a restful, relaxing, and hopefully warm and sunny bank holiday weekend and half-term break. I look forward to seeing everyone again after half term.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P Balkwill', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr P Balkwill

Headteacher