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Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for the Start of the New Year 2026/2027

I hope you and your family are well and your child is feeling refreshed as we prepare for the start of the start of the autumn term.

I am writing to inform you about the arrangements for the beginning of the new academic year.

Tuesday 1 September	Staff and selected external Year 12 students only
Wednesday 2 September	Year 7 School day starts promptly at 8.30am. We recommend that students arrive at school at 8.25am via Laburnum Grove on this day only. School will finish at 2.00pm on this day only. <i>Students will be dismissed via the Firs Lane and Highfield Road gates. If you are picking up your child, please make sure they know which gate you'll be at to collect them from.</i> Year 13 11.15am-12.15pm - Year 13 Welcome (Assembly + tutor time)
Thursday 3 September	Year 7 - Team Building Day - 8.30am-3.00pm <i>Students must enter and exit via Firs Lane or Highfield Road gate and come to school in their PE kit.</i> Years 8-11 in school for Tutor Time and Welcome Assembly <i>Students to enter and leave school via Laburnum Grove on this day only.</i> Students to wear full school uniform and go straight to their tutor room. Year 8 - 8.30am - 9.30am Year 9 - 9.30am - 10.30am Year 10 - 11.15am - 12.15pm Year 11 - 12.15pm - 1.15pm
Friday 4 September	Normal School Day - 8.30am-3.00pm for Years 7-11 and 13 Year 12 - 9.30-10.30am - Welcome (Assembly + tutor time)

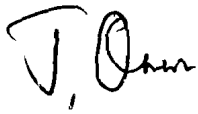
In the interest of everyone's health and safety please do not drop your child off in Laburnum Grove.

I would also like to inform you that we have an **INSET Day** scheduled for **Thursday 1st October 2026**. On this day, the school will be closed to all students for a staff professional development day.

We kindly request that you take note of these dates so you can plan ahead. Please be mindful of the importance of regular school attendance, we ask that you minimise any absences during term time to ensure uninterrupted learning for your child.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school and to a wonderful start to the academic year.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Owen
Headteacher