



January 2026

LEARNING TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and joyful Christmas break. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards. As we begin the new year, we look forward to working together to ensure every student feels ready to learn and thrive.

School reopens to all year groups on **Monday 5 January at 8:30 am**, and we are excited to welcome students back refreshed and ready for learning. The autumn term was filled with wonderful achievements, and we are confident that the months ahead will bring further opportunities for students to flourish academically and personally. Their commitment, alongside the dedication of our staff and the encouragement you provide at home, remains central to the high standards and values we uphold.

Key reminders for January

Your support in maintaining high expectations last term made a real difference, and we are grateful for your continued partnership. Please take note of the following reminders:

Punctuality

Starting the day on time helps everyone succeed. Students should be lined up in their designated areas **by 8:30 am each morning**. Arriving promptly ensures lessons start smoothly and shows respect for learning and for others. Blaby Road can be busy at the start of the day, so please allow extra time for your journey.

Attendance Matters

Every day in school counts. Excellent attendance is one of the strongest predictors of success and experience shows that students who attend regularly achieve better outcomes and feel more confident in their learning. Please support us by ensuring your child attends every day unless genuinely unwell.

Term-time holidays cannot be authorised and will be recorded as unauthorised absence. Taking time out of school can significantly impact learning and progress, so we ask that you avoid booking holidays during school terms.

Uniform

High standards in uniform create a sense of pride and equality, allowing students to focus fully on learning. Please check that your child's uniform meets expectations, including:

- Skirts must be pleated and worn at an appropriate length (just above the knee)
- Trousers worn at the waist
- No jewellery or false nails
- Correct footwear and PE kit
- Leggings are not part of our uniform and should not be worn

If a student arrives without the correct uniform, we will support them with a temporary item and ask for your help in ensuring the correct uniform is in place as soon as possible.

Equipment

Being fully equipped helps students take responsibility for their learning. Every student should bring:

- A fully stocked pencil case (pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, highlighters, scientific calculator, maths set)
- ID card – essential for food purchases, safeguarding and access to certain areas
- Locker key – lockers should be used to store coats, bags and valuables, including mobile phones

Students entitled to Pupil Premium can receive a pencil case free of charge.

Mobile phones

Phones must remain in lockers during the school day and should not be used at any point. If seen, they will be confiscated and must be collected by a parent or carer.

Break and lunch routines

The single break and lunch routine introduced last term will continue into the spring term. Please ensure catering accounts are topped up via ParentPay and that students bring their ID card daily to ensure that service can run smoothly.

Car park and drop-off

Where possible, please drop off and collect your child away from the school site as our school car park is limited in terms of space. If you need to use the car park, please drive with care, follow the one-way system, and park respectfully both on and off site to ensure safety and also consideration for our neighbours.

Behaviour and standards

We expect all students to demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour and respect, creating an environment where everyone can thrive. These expectations apply in lessons, across the school site, and within the wider community. Positive conduct underpins effective learning and supports the wellbeing of all.

Dates for your diary

The full school calendar can be found on our website, but to help with planning we have highlighted below some of the main events for the first half of the spring term.

Thursday 8 th January	Year 11 Revision Information Evening, 6pm
Thursday 15 th January	Year 11 Consultation Evening (Online)
Thursday 22 nd January	KS3 SEND Parent Workshop, 3.30pm
Friday 23 rd January	Year 9 Options Booklet Released (Online) *
Thursday 29 th January	Year 9 Options Information Evening, 6pm (Online) *
Friday 30 th January	Year 9 Options Form Live *
Thursday 5 th February	Year 9 Consultation Evening (Online)
Monday 9 th February	Year 11 Mock Examinations Begin

* More information to follow

Thank you for working with us to create a school environment where every child can thrive. Together, we can make this term a time of growth and success for every student. We look forward to a successful and rewarding term ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Jon Barton
Acting Principal

