



Wednesday 15th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of Haven High Academy. The partnership between home and school is invaluable, and we are incredibly grateful for the encouragement you provide to your children and the trust you place in us every day.

This year has been one of continued progress. We have seen further improvements in key areas including attendance and behaviour, with students demonstrating increasing pride in our Academy and our shared values. These improvements have enabled more students to enjoy their education and make the most of the opportunities available to them.

There has certainly been much to celebrate. Students have represented the Academy with distinction on educational visits to Berlin, Thailand and London, alongside many other enrichment opportunities throughout the year. We have welcomed a wide range of external speakers who have inspired our young people through careers education and personal development, while our sports teams have continued to perform exceptionally well, representing Haven High with commitment, determination and pride.

Most importantly, I would like to recognise the outstanding efforts of our students. Throughout the year they have demonstrated resilience, determination and a willingness to embrace the high expectations we set. Whether through academic achievement, sporting success, the performing arts, attendance, behaviour or the many acts of kindness that often go unseen, our students have continued to make us proud. They have shown that with hard work, perseverance and ambition, great progress is possible, and they deserve enormous credit for everything they have achieved this year.

As always at the end of the year, we also say farewell to a number of valued colleagues. I would like to thank **Mr Hatton, Mrs Creswell, Mrs Miles, Mrs Hourihan, Mrs Meredith, Ms Walker, Mrs Fowler, Mrs Utamova, Miss Coddington and Mr Cridland for their dedication and contribution to the Academy. We wish each of them every success and happiness in the future.**

We are already looking forward to welcoming students back in September. Our focus will continue to be on the **Brilliant Basics**—excellent attendance, punctuality, high standards of uniform, positive behaviour and a commitment to learning. Familiar routines and strategies, including the **Blue Line**, will continue to underpin our high expectations and ensure that every student can learn in a calm, purposeful environment.

There are no significant changes to the structure of the school day. **Lesson 1 will continue to begin at 8:45am**, and our uniform expectations remain unchanged. Expectations regarding smartphones and electronic devices also remain in place under our **'See It, Hear It, Lose It'** approach. Parents will receive further information before the start of term outlining a small number of refinements to the sanctions applied where students fail to meet these expectations.



The new academic year will begin on **Wednesday 2 September** for students entering **Year 7 & Year 8**. Students entering Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 will return on **Thursday 3 September**, when all year groups will be in the Academy. Staggering the return allows us to give our new Year 7 and Year 8 students, the best possible start to the academic year at their new campuses, before welcoming all students back together on the Thursday.

A reminder that **Friday 17 July** is the final day of term. Students will finish at **12:30pm**, with food available for all students at break time before they leave. If your child needs to remain in school during the afternoon, for example whilst waiting for school transport or a bus, please contact your child's Head of Year in advance and we will supervise them until **3:15pm**.

Finally, I hope you and your family have a wonderful, enjoyable and well-deserved summer break. I would also ask everyone to take care and remain safe over the holidays, particularly around water, roads and railways. A little extra care can make a significant difference and help ensure that everyone returns safely in September.

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming all of our students back for another successful year at Haven High Academy.

Yours faithfully,

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