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Welcome Back for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

Dear Pupil, Parents and Carers,

I trust the summer has been kind and you have enjoyed the hot weather. It's been great to see pupils today and we are ready to kick off another amazing year. We have a lot of wonderful things planned. Over the last 3 days, staff have been in school undertaking important statutory training including Safeguarding, medical interventions and Positive Behaviour Support. These are all really important things to ensure we run safely. Thank you for your patience. We realise it has been a long time since pupils have been in school.

A reminder of the rest of the school INSET Days for this year:

1. Tuesday 1st September 2026
2. Wednesday 2nd September 2026
3. Thursday 3rd September 2026
4. Monday 4th January 2027
5. Monday 5th April 2027
6. Monday 28th June 2027

A full list of school diary dates will be coming out ASAP.

School Development Plan

At this time of year, we finalise our new School Development Plan. These are exciting things that we intend to focus on throughout the year. The plan is informed by lots of information including parent/pupil/staff questionnaires and feedback, pupil assessment information, external legislation etc.

A summary of this year's plan is as follows:

- 1. Promoting World Class and Specialist Teaching and Learning:**
 - a. Further work on the Literacy Strategy
 - b. Further work on the Numeracy Strategy, especially functional numeracy
 - c. Further work on staff planning and feedback given to pupils
 - d. Improve curriculum and progression in the Researchers and Aspire Phase of learning (14-19 years old)
 - e. Reduce the impact on pupils of poverty, ethnicity and looked after status
- 2. Wellbeing, Equity and Inclusion – promoting multi-agency working to enrich quality of life**
 - a. Further improve Person Centred Practice reviews through improved pupil voice and secure Rights Respecting Schools Reaccreditation
 - b. Further develop the impact of the role of the N-GAGE team on targeted pupils by establishing entry and exit criteria based on pupils' IDPs



- c. Further embed Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) and Trauma Informed Schools (TIS) to reduce the number of incidents that challenge and disrupt learning. Gain the TIS Quality Mark
- d. Continue to improve attendance especially in the Researchers and Aspire phases
- e. Introduce Art Therapy to improve engagement and wellbeing in targeted pupils
- f. Further develop staff wellbeing

3. Leadership That Inspires All

- a. Review the structure of the leadership team to ensure it remains fit for purpose
- b. Consider the development of Governor Improvement groups to share effective governance
- c. Continue to develop a range of family support services using the new 'Family Centre'
- d. Undertake 2 international visits with pupils following the approval of the TAITH International Schools Project

4. Quality Assurance which promotes excellence for all

- a. Review the Quality Assurance processes to ensure it focusses on the progress that pupils are making
- b. Improve the feedback staff receive from Quality Assurance processes
- c. Ensure all 'Going for Gold' targets reflect pupils' IDPs and improve the rate at which these targets are achieved
- d. Continue staff professional learning and make increasing use of multimedia and AI

5. Learning Environment – delivering outstanding and capable environments for pupils to thrive

- a. Achieve full refurbishment of the existing school site by July 2027
- b. Remove and replace old playground equipment
- c. Ensure Hydrotherapy pool and Rebound rooms are fully operational
- d. Convert light/dark room into a new multi-sensory learning space
- e. Upgrade the aquarium into a fully immersive space

I hope you agree that our school improvement priorities capture the important areas for the continued development of the school. We also really hope you see your feedback reflected in the identified priorities. We are really excited to see how this work develops and the impact it will have on pupils' quality of life and learning.

You will see that engagement with families features prominently throughout. Now that we have space back, we are really excited to offer more opportunities to provide enhanced formal and informal support for families. Our new Family Centre has been refurbished and we can't wait to publish our new programme of events. Café Oren is also open and we would love for parents/carers to use these facilities. However, parents do need to have permission to access the school site and be accompanied by a member of staff.

So, as we enter another exciting year, we look forward to continued partnership working to ensure our school provides the very best provision for our amazing young people and their families.

With best wishes

Dave Jenkins



Executive Headteacher

Learning together in a changing world, creating success for all
Developing all pupils as ambitious, enterprising, ethical and healthy learners.

