

10th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Just as last week's letter opened discussing our goodbyes to year 11 and 13, this week's opens with a reflection on meeting the Class of 2031. Yesterday's Year 7 Induction Day and evening was a hugely positive experience, with students and parents leaving with an excellent first impression of our school community.

From the moment students arrived, they demonstrated enthusiasm, curiosity and a willingness to embrace the exciting opportunities ahead. Throughout the day, they engaged brilliantly with activities, staff and one another, already beginning to build the friendships and confidence that will support them on their secondary school journey.

It was equally encouraging to welcome so many parents and carers in the evening. The positive feedback, engagement and excitement shown by families reflected a strong sense of confidence in the future and the partnership we will build together over the coming years. The day highlighted the warm, supportive and ambitious culture that we are so proud of.

A key focus of the induction programme was introducing our core expectations of being Ready, Respectful and Responsible. Students responded exceptionally well to these messages, demonstrating many of these qualities throughout the day. As we continue through this week, staff will be actively embedding these expectations so that they become the foundation of our school culture and help every student thrive both academically and personally.

Overall, the induction day was a fantastic success and has given us great confidence and excitement for what the future holds. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort in September and supporting them as they begin what promises to be a successful and rewarding secondary school journey.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

Attendance Matters because your child's future Matters

As we enter the final 4½ days of the school year, we want to encourage all students to maintain excellent attendance right through to the end of term. There is still so much to look forward to and we do not want anyone to miss out on the exciting events and celebrations planned for next week.

On Wednesday, students will take part in our whole-school end-of-year assembly, where we will celebrate the successes, achievements and memorable moments from across the year. Then, on Thursday, students in each year group with the highest number of house points from each House will

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be rewarded with time on the inflatables, one of the most anticipated events of the year. We will also be announcing our House Champions, bringing this year's house competition to an exciting conclusion.

This week has already seen over 200 students receive rewards as part of our Summer Countdown 'Belonging Week' celebrations. Treats have included:

- Money added to lunch accounts
- Queue passes
- Sweet treats
- Additional raffle tickets for next week's prize draw
- Break-time treats
- A choice from our popular Trolley of Treats

These rewards are designed to celebrate students who demonstrate our values and contribute positively to school life. However, students need to be in their seat and present in school to be entitled to receive their treat.

Whilst the end of term is fast approaching, it remains important that students continue to focus on their learning, routines and expectations. Every lesson still matters, and the final few days provide valuable opportunities to consolidate learning, celebrate achievements and finish the year positively. We are incredibly proud of what our students have achieved this year and look forward to ending the term with the same commitment, effort and excellent attendance that has helped make this year such a success

IGNITE – Update

The finance team are working their way through refunding the aspects of IGNITE that didn't go ahead. We have been in talks with the various providers to try and recoup our costs, some have been excellent, whilst others have been less than helpful. We are now in a position where we are able process the refunds directly to your bank account, but it is likely this will take weeks rather than days. Please bear with us – your patience in understanding this unscheduled demand on our workload is appreciated.

National Survey: The Big Future

We are keen to ensure that the voices of our students are heard on a national level, and we are therefore supporting *The Big Future* survey led by the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza.

This important survey aims to gather the views, experiences and aspirations of children and young people from every school and community across the country. At a time of significant change, it is vital



that student voices help shape future policy—and without participation, those perspectives risk being missing from the national picture.

We strongly encourage all students to take part by completing the survey here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture> A range of helpful resources, including an introductory video and FAQs, are also available on the Children's Commissioner's website.

There is even an opportunity for students to act as *student champions*, promoting the survey among their peers. Those who help generate high participation may receive formal recognition from the Children's Commissioner's office—something that can be included in personal statements, CVs, and future applications.

Schools with the highest response rates will also be invited to attend the final *Festival of Childhood*, celebrating the voices and contributions of young people from across England. We hope you will support your child in taking part in this valuable opportunity to have their voice heard.

Protocol for signing students out

If your child needs to leave site during the day there is a process to follow so that we can ensure your child is safe:

- Please let us know in advance where possible by calling or emailing Reception
- Make sure your child knows to come to Reception at the required time to sign out as there may not always be staff available to go and collect them. Especially important if this is lunch time as students could be anywhere in the building.
- To ensure student safety, all students must be physically signed out at Reception by a parent or guardian before leaving school grounds. We cannot rely on a student's verbal request to leave, as we must visually verify they are departing with a trusted adult.

End of term arrangements

The academic year concludes at 12:20pm on Friday 17th July. Students will attend tutor time and lessons 1-3 as normal. A reduced food offer will be available to purchase at breaktime. Students will be dismissed for the summer break at 12:20pm. Students that are transported to school by North Somerset should have already been contacted by their provider regarding arrangements.

Start of term arrangements

There will be two INSET days at the start of term in September where only staff are expected on site. Year 7 and 12 students will be on site on Monday 7th September. Year 7 students are expected as usual, at 8:30am and Year 12 students should arrive through the Community entrance at 9:00am. All students are expected in school on Tuesday 8th September with tutor time starting at 8:30am.

Finally... as we finish this week, it is important to acknowledge everyone involved for the hard work and commitment in helping to deliver both Sports Day and Sports Personality this week.

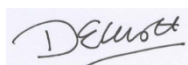


Sports Day truly ran like clockwork, creating a fantastic atmosphere from start to finish. The face paint, banners of support, music, cheering and incredible House spirit all contributed to a vibrant and memorable day. The positivity, teamwork and sense of community on display were outstanding, and the buzz around the Houses made the event a tremendous success. Congratulations to Dragon House on their overall victory.

In a moment that genuinely left us rubbing our eyes in disbelief, we even received a complaint from a local resident regarding the music being played during Sports Day, describing the approximately 60 minutes of celebratory music as "anti-social behaviour". Whilst we appreciate that not everyone shares our enthusiasm for a little sporting soundtrack, we make no apology for creating a fun, positive and memorable experience for our children. The laughter, cheering and enjoyment of hundreds of students on one of the highlights of the school year will always come first, and if 60 minutes of music helps create those lasting memories and a sense of belonging, then we think that is time very well spent indeed. After all, schools are for children, and occasions like Sports Day should be filled with fun, celebration and community spirit.

All events this week, simply would not be possible without the collective effort, flexibility and enthusiasm of our staff. I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for going above and beyond to create such positive experiences and lasting memories for our students. Their contribution is genuinely valued and very much appreciated. I am very lucky to be able to work with such fantastic colleagues.

Have a lovely weekend



Dee Elliott,

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