



August 2026

Dear Year 13 Parents and Carers

We hope you have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back to school next week.

We are delighted with our A Level and GCSE examination results. We are particularly proud of our GCSE outcomes, which are the highest in the school's history.

- 80% of Year 11 students gained a grade 4 or above in both English and Maths.
- 67% gained a grade 5 or above in both English and Maths, placing us among the top two performing schools in the city.

It has been a very busy summer as we prepare for the opening of phase 1 of the new school. While there have been some challenges, we are nearly ready to welcome students into the new building.

Further work will continue on site throughout the coming year as phase 2 progresses. This will affect vehicle access, so we ask all parents and carers to read the following guidance carefully and follow the arrangements in place.

Year 13 Return to School

To ensure that all students are fully briefed on the safety arrangements and how to move around the new building, we will operate a staggered start to the school year.

Year 13 will return to school on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 10.00am. Students should not arrive more than 10 minutes before this time. It is essential that **all Year 13 students are in attendance**. Upon arrival, you will be directed by members of the Sixth Form team where you will complete your induction to the new site and your designated Post 16 area. Communication will then be shared with those who are eligible to complete their study periods at home moving forward.

Due to the continued work on site, **there will be no parking facilities for Post 16 learners** this academic year. Students with their own vehicles will not be able to park on site. Therefore, please ensure that alternative arrangements are made.

Access to the site

Pedestrians: Students walking to school, or being dropped off outside the site, should enter via the Tamworth Road gate or the pedestrian gate from Bennetts Road South.

Please note: During the school day, pedestrian access for students and visitors will be via the Bennetts Road South gate only. The Sandpits Lane pedestrian gate is **no longer in use**.

Vehicle Access

As previously stated, Post 16 learners will no longer be permitted to park their vehicles on site. We also **strongly recommend** that parents and carers do not drive onto the school site to drop off or collect students. Parking is extremely limited while we share the area that will become our car park with the construction team. If driving onto the site is unavoidable, please follow the instructions below carefully to help us keep traffic moving safely.





Vehicle Access to site – drop-off and collection

Vehicles should enter the school site through the first gate on the left when approaching from Bennetts Road South. If approaching from Tamworth Road, this will be the third gate on the right.



Parents and carers must remain in their vehicle at all times while on site.

On entry, vehicles must turn right and follow the directed queue system. Parents and carers must remain in their vehicles throughout. During drop-off and collection times, vehicles must not turn left into the main school car park. Upon entering the site vehicles will be directed to take the second left as indicated below. There is a student pathway that is situated behind the red and white barriers.



We have very limited space for parents when collecting students at the end of the day. We will support families with a specific need to access the site where possible; however, if the junction at Bennetts Road South becomes gridlocked, we may need to move to a **no-vehicle site**. Please avoid driving onto the site wherever possible and do not arrive early for collection, as this can obstruct traffic on Sandpits Lane and Bennetts Road South.

If you need to collect a student during the school day for a medical appointment, please enter via the vehicle gate, turn right, remain in your vehicle and call reception to let us know you have arrived.





We are excited to welcome students back next week and look forward to beginning a successful new academic year in our new building. We anticipate that there will be teething problems in the early weeks we ask for your patience as we navigate these.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Ms E O'Connor
Headteacher

