

17th July 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

End of Term – Summer 2025

As we reach the end of the academic year, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and to share just some of the positive changes we've made together. This year has seen significant improvements across Cliff Park.

The behaviour of our students is stronger leading to higher standards inside and outside of classrooms. Our routines are more consistent, our curriculum is richer and as an academy there is greater support for student wellbeing. We've focused on building a school culture where every student feels safe, valued, and ready to learn and we're particularly proud of our recent Ofsted 'Good' grading in all areas.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say a big **THANK YOU** to our staff, students, and parents for your collective efforts and unwavering support throughout this academic year.

Start of Term Arrangements

To ensure a calm and purposeful start to the new academic year, we will be operating a staggered return in September. This approach allows us to provide additional support to key year groups at the beginning of term, including our new Year 7 students as they settle into secondary school, and our Year 11 students as they begin their important final year. It also gives staff time to embed routines and expectations with smaller groups, ensuring a smooth and positive start for all.

Please see the table below for the return dates for each year group:

Year Group	Return to School Date	Punctuality Matters All students are to be on site, in their line up areas by 8.25am.
Year 7	Wednesday 3rd September 2025	
Year 8	Wednesday 3rd September 2025	
Year 11	Wednesday 3rd September 2025	
Year 9	Thursday 4th September 2025	
Year 10	Thursday 4th September 2025	

All students will follow their normal school day from their return date onwards.

Uniform

High standards of uniform are an important part of our school culture and help to promote a sense of pride and belonging within our academy community.

In September, we expect all students to return in full school uniform, worn correctly and in line with our published uniform policy. If you are replacing or purchasing items over the summer, please ensure they meet our expectations to avoid any issues at the start of term.

Uniform expectations are as follows:

Uniform Item	Description	
Academy Blazer	Black blazer with academy badge on breast pocket. Sleeves must not be rolled up.	
Shirt	White uniform-style shirt with stiff collar, buttoned to the top and tucked in.	
School Tie	Year 7	Green Stripe
	Year 8	Purple Stripe
	Year 9	Gold Stripe
	Year 10	Blue Stripe
	Year 11	Red Stripe
Trousers	Plain black school trousers (no pockets along the leg).	
Skirt (alternative option)	Pleated black skirt of an appropriate length.	
Socks	Plain black or white socks.	
Tights (with skirt option)	Plain black tights.	
Shoes	Plain black school shoes, Black Nike AirForce are permitted.	

PE Kit

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for the significant improvements we've seen in PE kit standards over the second half of the summer term. Your support has made a noticeable difference as students have taken real pride in representing the academy in the correct kit.

We are keen to see this improvement continue in the new academic year, and we appreciate your ongoing efforts in ensuring students are fully prepared for PE lessons with the correct equipment and uniform. **Please see below a reminder of our PE kit expectations:**

PE Kit Item	Description
PE Polo shirt	White polo with Cliff Park logo or plain white
Shorts or Skort	Black or Navy Blue
Tracksuit Bottoms	** Optional Plain Black or Navy Blue
PE Fleece	** Optional with academy logo or Plain Black or Navy Blue
Sports Trainers	Any sport trainers are permitted
**Please note that hoodies, leggings and cycling shorts are not permitted.	
Uniform can be purchased via our Uniform provider: Harrisons Schoolwear 73 Southtown Road Great Yarmouth NR31 0DY	

Please Donate Old Uniform

If you have any school uniform items that your child has outgrown or no longer needs, we would be very grateful for any donations. Clean, good-quality items can be dropped off at main reception at any time. Your support helps other families in our community and promotes sustainability across the academy.

Table Service (Learning Equipment)

In September all students will be expected to arrive fully equipped for learning. This includes bringing a complete 'table service' each day: a **pen, pencil, ruler, and eraser**. Students are also encouraged to bring a set of highlighters and to store all equipment in a pencil case. Being properly prepared helps students start lessons calmly and confidently, and we appreciate your support in ensuring this standard is consistently met.

Attendance and Punctuality REALLY Matters

Good punctuality and attendance are vital to every child's success at school. Arriving on time and attending regularly helps students build strong learning habits, keep up with the curriculum, and feel fully part of our school community. **Every day in school matters. It's where friendships grow, confidence builds, and progress is made.** Thank you for your continued support in helping your child make the most of every opportunity by being here, on time, every day.

Year 7 Settling In Evening

We would like to invite parents of Year 7 students to join us on Thursday 18th September at 6.00pm for the settling in evening. The evening has two parts: Firstly, we would like to share with you information about our curriculum and how you can support your child's learning in Year 7. Secondly, parents will have an opportunity to speak with your child's Form Tutor, Head of Year, Deputy Head of Year or SENDCO if you wish. **Parents / carers can book appointments from Friday 5th September. A link to the parent evening booking system will be sent to parents in the first week of the Autumn Term.**

Parent / Carer Drop In

Parents / Carers are welcome to drop into the academy to meet with myself or a member of my Senior Team every Tuesday from 3:00 to 4:00PM and Wednesday between 8.50 and 9.30AM. **You do not need to make an appointment, please just come to reception between 8.50 and 9.30AM and we will be happy to meet with you.** I understand the crucial role that parents play in a community school and welcome discussion on any aspect of our school community.

Important dates for the Autumn Term:

Date	Event
Thursday 18 th September	Year 7 Settling In Evening
Friday 19 th September	Year 7 & Year 11 Photographs
Thursday 2 nd October	Open Evening for Year 6 Students
Thursday 16 th October	Year 11 Parents Evening / Pre-Mock Information Evening
Tuesday 22 nd October	Year 11 Pre-Mock Exam Parents Meeting
Friday 24th October	October Half Term
Monday 3 rd November until Friday 21 st November	Year 11 Mock Exams
Thursday 20 th November	Year 12 Presentation Evening
Thursday 27 th November	Careers Fair
Friday 28 th November	Year 11 Mock Results
Friday 5 th December	Staff Training Day
Thursday 18 th December	Parent Forum
Friday 19th December	End of Autumn Term

Thank you for your continued support; it is greatly appreciated.

Have an enjoyable and safe summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H French', with a stylized, flowing script.

Harry French
Principal