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Headteacher's Message

Dear RMGS community,

What an amazing ARCH Week it has been! The school has been filled with energy, creativity and a wonderful sense of community.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Vanessa Tappous, Assistant Headteacher, for leading our activity week with such creativity and a strong commitment to character education. Throughout the week, our young people have developed vital skills for success in the 21st century, including leadership, public speaking, collaboration and critical thinking. Most importantly, they have had great fun while learning and growing together. Thank our staff for working together to ensure this week has been memorable for our students.

The biannual ANVIL Carnival was a particular highlight and a credit to our entire school community. I thoroughly enjoyed welcoming back former staff and students and hearing their fond memories of RMGS. ANVIL truly embodied our ethos of belonging, and I felt incredibly grateful to be part of such a special community.

Another memorable highlight was playing a wide range of music over the tannoy to signal the changeovers during the Gogglebox sessions. It was a pleasure to hear the excitement and enthusiasm from staff and students alike.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this week so successful and for continuing to be a wonderful community that supports and values one another. We look forward to welcoming our young people back to school on Monday.

With warm regards,

Mrs A Hart
Headteacher

Ms Tappous – Assistant Headteacher
Playing Music for the changeover



Important Dates:

20th July -
Year 9 Celebration
Event – Period 5

21st July -
Astronomy Club -
Greenwich

22nd July -
Sixth Form Retro
Sports Day

Last Day of Term –
Students leave at
1.20pm



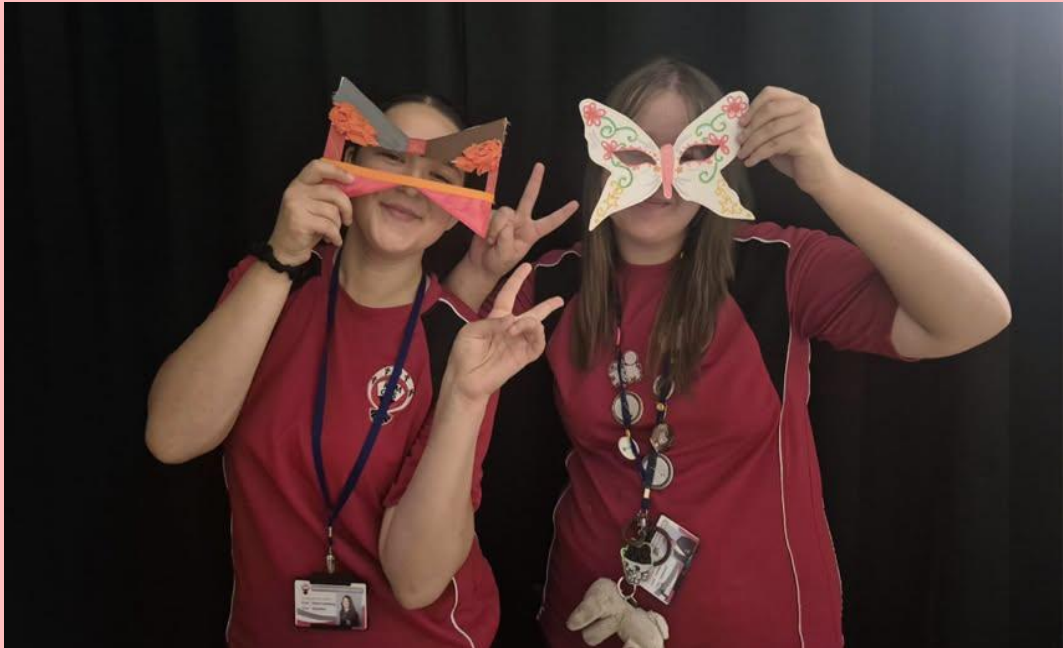
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8R made masks to reflect the characters in the Greek play **Medea** that they have studied this term.

Well done!

Great job, Mr Holmes.



Over the past few weeks, **Sam, Brody, Tomi, James, Daniel and Abdul in Year 7** have worked together during lunchtimes with the DT department to help bring their very own go-kart to life. Sam developed the initial concept and assembled a team to support the build, with everyone contributing their time, effort and enthusiasm to the project.

The finished go-kart was a fantastic success at Anvil. After appearing in the parade, it became an attraction of its own, giving other students the opportunity to take a ride during the festival. The team should be incredibly proud of what they achieved through creativity, teamwork and determination. **A huge well done to everyone involved!**





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Mote Park – Year 8





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PGL – Year 9





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RMGS DRAMA

2025 – 2026

We've had a brilliant year in drama, from Shakespeare to beat-boxing, our students have experienced a range of practices in drama!

**WE'VE HAD
INCREDIBLE
PERFORMANCES**

- Pied Piper (Glassbox)
- Shakespeare School's Festival (Woodville)
- Connections (Gulbenkian)
- Expressive Arts Showcase (in house)

Plus some amazing trips for a range of year groups!



**AND
WORKSHOPS
FROM:**

Lyrici Arts



Splendid Productions

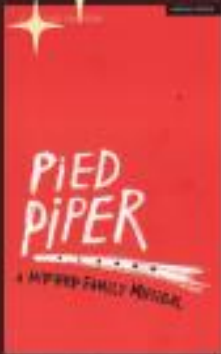




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Lyrici Arts School Partnership: Pied Piper



Friday 6th March 2026

Glassbox, Midkent College



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Shakespeare School's Festival: Comedy of Errors



Wednesday 11th March 2026

Woodville Halls, Gravesend



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Excellent praise for our SSF company!

"SMALL CHEER AND GREAT WELCOME MAKES A MERRY FEAST"



The Comedy of Errors
by Rainham Mark Grammar School
at The Woodville, 11th March 2026
appraised by Eleanor Kettleton

It is an absolute delight, in our 25th anniversary year, to be celebrating with Rainham Mark Grammar School and to be marking this milestone with their wonderful production of *The Comedy of Errors* as part of Shakespeare Schools Theatre Festival's Spring season. Here are some of my highlights from the performance at The Woodville.

We loved the strong characters - your clear diction and strong physicality was a triumph of this production. Your confident and pacy delivery kept the audience engaged. It was evident how much you understood the language and this drove the story forward.

The ensemble was so active in developing the settings in your piece. The inn doors which almost swung back in the character's faces, the dynamic marketplace which kept the stage alive, and the atmospheric ship you created at the beginning all worked to effectively and creatively locate us in the story. The shipwreck was an especially stunning start and really set the stage for the intrigue and upset that was to follow.

All of your musical and lighting choices worked to enhance your piece - we loved those tense moments of red anger and how we finished in the stark white light to show us how the truth has finally become clear.

The whole company's responses and facial expressions throughout the performance and your commitment to the dramatic moments helped lift the overall performance. We loved watching your joy at the end for the final song and dance! A big congratulations to your extensive backstage, technical and creative team who managed props, set changes, plotting and teching the lighting and sound cues, directing, and cueing the show. It was brilliant to see how you supported each other and added an extra layer of skill to your performance.

Performances like this show us that Shakespeare can live on, in the hands of young people, in fresh, exciting and reimagined ways. We hope to welcome you back to Shakespeare Schools Theatre Festival for another 25 years - and beyond!

**WELL DONE ON A STRIKING, STRONG,
STUDENT LED PRODUCTION OF THE
COMEDY OF ERRORS.**

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National Theatre Connections: Macbeth x5



Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Gulbenkian, Canterbury



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TRUE ADVENTURE



Rainham Mark Grammar School

Expedition to Morocco

October 2027

Launching on 1st July!

(For students joining Yr 12 in September)



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TRUE ADVENTURE



Rainham Mark Grammar School

**Borneo Expedition
July 2028**

Launching in September!



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STEM RACING

Formally F1 in Schools 

**RMGS is coming back bigger than ever for a
chance at the regional trophy!**

We have 5 teams this year, so we have a good chance!

**If you would like to be a team sponsor, please scan
the QR code to access the MS Forms. You can choose
which team(s) to sponsor.**



Sponsorship rates:

Bronze £25	Silver £50	Gold £75	Platinum £100
✓ 1 post on social media ✓ 1 post in School newsletter	✓ 2 posts on social media ✓ 2 post in School newsletter ✓ Small logo on Team shirts	✓ 3 posts on social media ✓ 3 posts in School newsletter ✓ Medium logo on Team shirts	✓ 5 posts on social media ✓ 5 posts in School newsletter ✓ Large logo on Team shirts ✓ Logo on the competition car



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We're excited to be hosting the Medway Music Association's Summer Courses at RMGS!

Looking to get stuck into music this summer? The **Beginner's Course** is open to everyone—no prior experience needed! It's perfect for students who've completed the Y7 Band Programme or just started learning an instrument this year.

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BEGINNER SUMMER MUSIC COURSE

28th July 2026

09:45 – 15:00

**Rainham Mark
Grammar School**

**No experience needed
to **Grade 1** standard
for **Years 3 – 9****

**COST
£12.50**

www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk

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Already playing? The **Instrumental Summer Music Course** is ideal for musicians at **Grade 2 level and above**. These courses are a fantastic way to:

- Make new friends
- Explore new music
- Kick off the summer holidays in style!

 **3 DAY**
INSTRUMENTAL
SUMMER
MUSIC COURSE

 **25th – 27th July 2026**

 **09:45 – 15:00**

 **Rainham Mark Grammar School**

 **For those Grade 2 – 8 standard in Years 4 – 13**

www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk

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Contact Mrs Williams for any help with your Career
ewilliams@rmet.org

Year 7

Introduction to careers: Unifrog; PSHE; Trips

Year 8

Understanding Careers : Unifrog ; Career Talks; Career Fair; linking subjects to careers; Careers assembly; Trips; PSHE

Year 9

Linking Subjects to Careers : Career Fair; GCSE Choices; Unifrog; Career Talks; Careers assembly; Trips; PSHE

Year 10

Research Post 16 Career Options : Work Experience; Career Fair; Career 1-2-1 meetings; Career Talks; Careers assembly; Trips; PSHE

Year 11

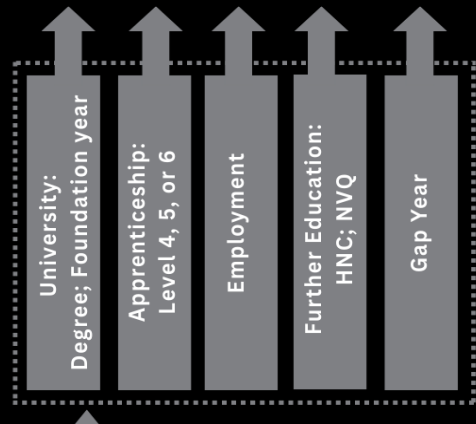
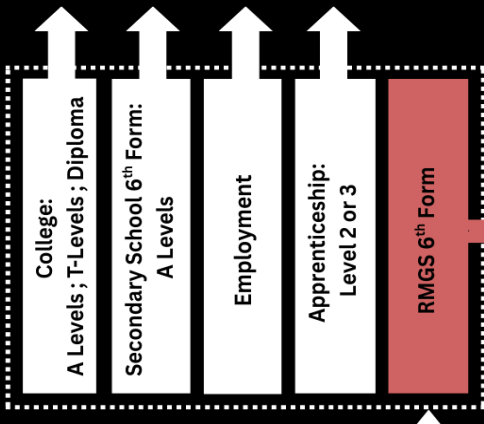
Post 16 Choices: GCSE Exams; Career Fair; Career 1-2-1 meetings; Career Talks; Careers assembly; Trips; PSHE

Year 12

Post 18 Career Choices: Work Experience; Career Fair; Career 1-2-1 meetings; Career Events & Trips; Career Talks; Careers assembly; PSHE

Year 13

Post 18 Career Decision: UCAS; Open Days; Career Fair; Career 1-2-1 meetings; Career Events & Trips; Career Talks



Your Career Journey & Options



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Getting your child prepared

Regardless of what year your child is going into in September – it is never too early (or late) for your child to start exploring their career pathways and options.

Each Year group has a designated crib sheet which is packed with simple steps to help your child explore different career options, build a stronger understanding of different career pathways and how their subjects link to careers. By working through each step they'll further: develop personal skills; gain a clearer understanding of career and education pathways; improve their organisation; strengthen their sense of purpose; and raise aspirations.

Don't worry – this is not about your child having their entire future mapped out now. It's about exploring options, discovering what interests them, and gaining the confidence and clarity to make informed decisions when the time comes.

If you or your child are struggling with any of this or would like help please email me ewilliams@rmet.org

[Year 7 Careers Crib Sheet.docx](#)

[Year 8 Careers Crib Sheet.docx](#)

[Year 9 Careers Crib Sheet.docx](#)

[Year 10 Careers Crib Sheet.docx](#)

[Year 11 Careers Crib Sheet.docx](#)

[Year 12 Careers Crib Sheet.docx](#)



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MEDWAY YOUTH SERVICE

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for
16 - 19 year olds in
Medway to volunteer
on our **summer
activities**

- ✓ Gain work experience
- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Update your CV
- ✓ Transport & expenses covered
- ✓ Complete your Volunteering
section for DofE or gain an MYS
Award

To sign up or to learn
more please contact

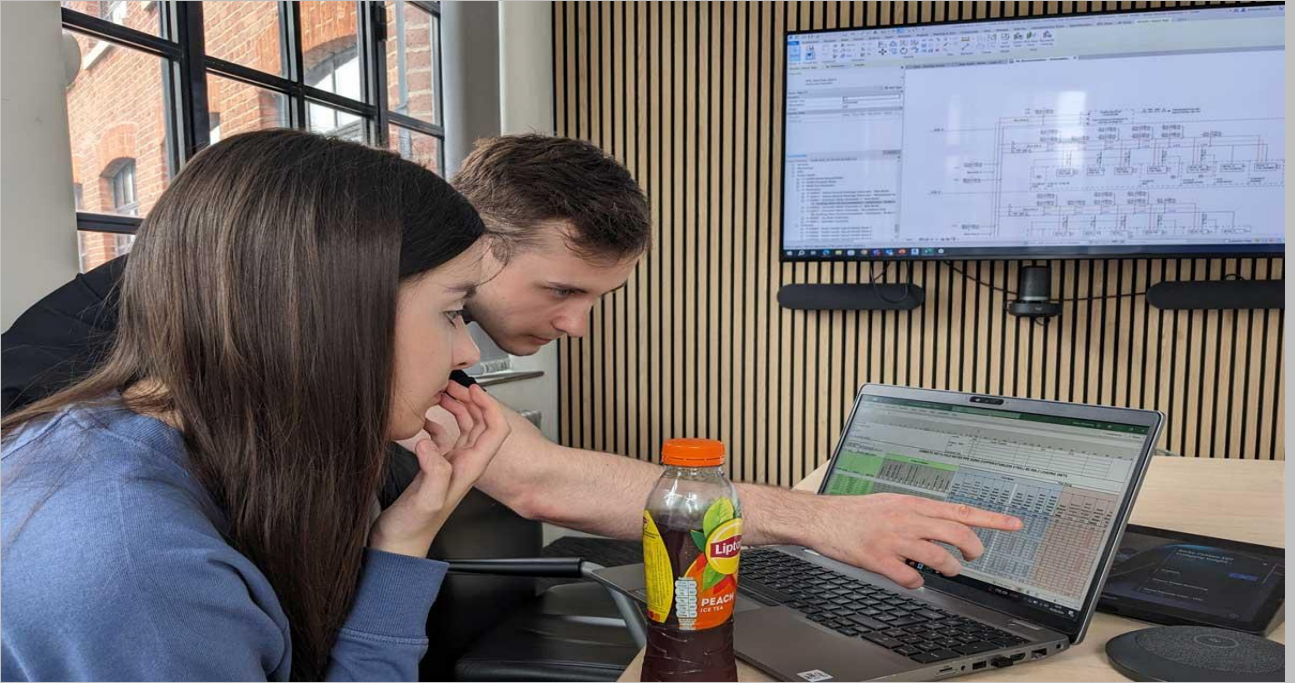


youth.enquiries@
medway.gov.uk

Volunteering is important for students as it helps to develop valuable skills such as teamwork, communication, and leadership. It also allows students to gain real-world experience, build confidence, and make a positive impact on their community. Through volunteering, students can meet new people, explore different interests, and strengthen their resumes or university applications. Overall, volunteering helps students grow both personally and professionally.



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Inspiring & exciting Summer STEM opportunities for students!

The Engineering Development Trust are delighted to share a range of engaging summer opportunities designed to help students explore STEM from home, develop valuable skills, and gain a meaningful insight into future study and career pathways. These activities offer a flexible and accessible way for students to stay inspired over the summer while building confidence, curiosity, and experience. [Click here to find out more](#)

Helping the next
generation hit the
ground running.
Let's make it work.

Let's Make it work - Giving your children a workplace experience to remember

RMGS is working with **Kent & Medway Careers Hub** to encourage more local businesses to get involved and give our pupils the opportunity to have an unforgettable workplace experience. One that gives them the skills and contacts that might one day help them get a rewarding career. **Can you help?** Wherever you work, and whatever the size of the business, **we** would love to talk to you — or one of your colleagues — about offering flexible workplace experiences to the children of **RMGS** and others in the area. So please reach out to **Mrs Williams** ewilliams@rmet.org to find out more

Summer Opportunities : Futures for All has just launched their Summer Schedule Planner — a live document showcasing what's on throughout the summer term. [Click here](#)





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unifrog

Parents and Carers – Get on board with your child using Unifrog

All students now have access to our online Careers Portal Unifrog and now Parents and Carers can too. Unifrog offers a huge range of career resources, quizzes, opportunities, tips, advice and students can work through at their own pace. Please feel free to watch this short video which details a little more about

Unifrog <https://cdn.unifrog.org/video/45v2970bm9/720.mp4>



Career Support after Year 11 & 13

Careers support does not stop once your child leaves school.
If your child would like a Careers 1-2-1 meeting with our in house
Careers Adviser Mrs Williams after they finish Year 11 or Year 13
then please just email ewilliams@rmet.org



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Career Support for SEND students

For Students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) RMGS have a range of support and resources in place to help support and guide them on their career pathway. We help SEND young people with things like; making choices about the future, getting into further education, getting into training, getting into work, finding out about appropriate support and funding for education/training and signposting and referrals to other agencies, where appropriate. To find out more including information on Supported Internships for students with an EHCP please click here :

<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Career+Support+for+young+people+with+SEND&pid=427>

Careers Facebook Group

Keep in the loop with all the latest Career Opportunities via our Private Careers Facebook Group "RMGS Careers"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/25615966937989346/>

Intrigued by a Job but want to find out more about it for your child?

Use this to explore a wide range of job profiles for your child. Each job is presented as a short video so you can explore a little about each job. The videos give you a quick insight and overview but we encourage you to find out more! Speak to Mrs Williams for support on where to find more information.

<https://www.mypathcareersuk.com/a-z-of-jobs>

Career Support is available for ALL students in ALL years

- ALL students can book a Career 1-2-1 meeting by emailing ewilliams@rmet.org
- Resources can be found on our website for parents/carers & students :
<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Careers&pid=223>
- What can my child do post 16?
<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Post+16+Choices&pid=386>
- What can my child do Post 18?
<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Post+18+Career+choices+%2D+what+to+do%3F&pid=375>
- Why is it so important for me to know about Labour Market Information? Understanding Labour Market Information (LMI) helps our students be aware of where different job roles are needed in different regions and which types of jobs may need more people in the future. This can help shape or influence career pathways and choices :
<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Labour+Market+Information&pid=370>
- The Career Teams page enables all students to keep up to date with news and opportunities



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Career provision at Rainham Mark Grammar School

All students:

- Start to have access to Unifrog from Year 7 - 13.
- Embedded Careers Programme across all Years
- Access to Career 1-2-1 meetings with our Careers Adviser
- Access to Career Resources and updates via Website, After School Career Surgeries, Careers office, Careers Teams page, Lessons, Form Time and Assemblies
- Opportunity to become a Career Champion for their year
- Have one subject and one PSHE lesson per term which is Career specific.
- Opportunity to input into Career provision via annual audit
- Career Fair in January run until 4pm for all students
- Work Experience in Year 10 and 12
- Enrichment week in July with focus on careers
- School Wide designated Career Week in November
- Access to a programme of Talks after-school delivered by Businesses and Organisations on their Career Pathways and Industries.
- At least one Assembly from an Apprenticeship provider
- All SEND students offered priority careers 1-2-1 meetings with Mrs Williams

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Post 16 Career Choices - know your Levels

Level 3:

A Levels * BTEC Diploma * NVQ Level 3 * Advanced Apprenticeship

Level 4:

Year 1 University or * Certificate in Higher Education * Higher National Certificate * NVQ Level 4 * Higher Apprenticeship

Level 5:

Year 2 University or * Diploma in Higher Education * Foundation Degree * NVQ Level 5 * Higher Apprenticeship

Level 6:

Year 3 University or * Degree Apprenticeship * Degree with or without Honours * NVQ Level 6

Level 7:

Masters Level * Masters Degree * NVQ Level 6 * Degree Apprenticeship

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Career Programme

Find out what Career Events we are planning this year via our Live Careers Calendar :

<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Our+Careers+Provision+KS3%2C+KS4+%26amp%3B+KS5&pid=371>



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Calling any local businesses, parents & carers; Alumni or members of the local community

In addition to their existing PSHE provision, our 6th Form students have one Enrichment session every other week. Within this we are keen to offer a programme of practical life skills that students can take out into the wider world.

This is where we would love your help.

We are looking for any local businesses, Alumni or members of the local community who would be happy to volunteer 1 hour to come in after school and talk to our students on specific areas such as: car maintenance; budgeting & money; basic cooking skills; how to use social media professionally; how to switch off; health & wellbeing; basic maintenance such as changing a lightbulb; basic first aid etc

You do not have to be business or even a professional speaker - just someone who is keen to support our students as they start to navigate their next steps

Please get in touch with ewilliams@rmet.org if you are interested



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Term Dates - September 2025 to July 2026

Term 1

Monday 1st September 2025 - Friday 17th October 2025

INSET days: Mon 01/09/25

Half Term Break : Monday 20th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025

Term 2

Monday 3rd November 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025

Early finish for students : Friday 19th December

Christmas Break : Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026

Term 3

Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026

INSET days: Mon 05/01/26

Half Term Break Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026

Term 4

Monday 23rd February 2026 – Thursday 2nd April 2026

Easter Break Friday 3rd April 2026 – Friday 17th April 2026

Term 5

Monday 20th April 2026 – Friday 22nd May 2026

(Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026)

INSET days: Mon 20/4/26

Half Term Break Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026

Term 6

Monday 1st June 2026 – Friday 24th July 2026

Early finish for students : Wednesday 22nd July

INSET days: Thurs 23/07/26 & Fri 24/07/26



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Term 1

Tuesday 1st September – Friday 16th October

***Tuesday 1st September is an INSET day**

Wednesday 2nd September – Only Year 7 & Year 12 students

Thursday 3rd September – All students return as normal

Term 2

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

***Friday 18th December - students leave at 13.20pm**

Term 3

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

***Monday 4th January is an INSET day.**

Term 4

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

Term 5

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Term 6

Monday 7th June – Wednesday 23rd July

*** Wednesday 23rd September students leave at 13.20pm**

Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd July are staff INSET days - students are not in school.