

25th June 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

I would like to commend our school community on how they have dealt with the extreme temperatures this week; the conduct and behaviour of the students has been exemplary. They have shown real resilience in difficult circumstances where teaching and learning has been uncomfortable at times. My priority in running the school will always be the health and safety of students and staff. With the mitigations we have had in place, although learning has not been easy at times, our school site has been safe, and I have been impressed by the calm purposeful working environment that has been maintained.

### Continuation of extreme heat warning

We have been carefully monitoring the temperatures in all of our classrooms and social spaces over the course of the week, and although there is no maximum legal temperature for educational settings, I am committed to ensuring that we do not put unreasonable demands on students or staff. The Met Office is currently predicting afternoon temperatures tomorrow to reach 37°C, and this is likely to raise the temperature of our rooms beyond what I believe is acceptable to carry out our core business of teaching and learning. For this reason, I have made the decision that for Friday 26th June 2006, **the school will close at 1pm.**

The mitigations we have had in place all week mean that the school is significantly cooler in the morning, and I would ask all students to attend school as usual in the morning. The timings for periods 1-3 will remain the same. After period 3, the whole school will move to a single lunch serving at 12.25pm and we will close the school at the end of lunch, meaning all students will be dismissed at 1pm. The only exception to this timetable will be Year 12 students, who will be taking part in a shorter than usual 'Talk the Talk' day that will finish at 1.25pm. Our external providers have generously agreed to condense their excellent content into this shortened timetable.

I recognise that schools closing early can put significant pressure on parents/guardians. If you are concerned about your child leaving early, the school will be able to offer limited on-site provision. If you would be interested in this, please complete [this](#) short Google Form. Please note that any students staying on-site after the school closing time, will need to stay until 3pm.

### Next week

Temperatures look set to return to more seasonal averages next week, and although I anticipate the building will remain warm, I do not believe students will need to wear their PE kit. Instead, we will return to our more relaxed, summer-adapted uniform (usual school uniform but with no blazer or tie, and top button undone).

Finally, I would like to thank the community again for your understanding as we all look to navigate the extreme temperatures that are becoming increasingly common during the summer term.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher