

To help our new Year 7 students enjoy a smooth transition into secondary school, we are operating a staggered start to the new term.

On Friday 4th September, only Year 7, Sixth Form, and Year 11 students will be in school. Year 7 and Sixth Form students will run on a normal school day, starting at 8:30 am and finishing at 3:00 pm. Year 11 students will also start on this Friday, but with a later arrival time of 11:05 AM, finishing at the normal time of 3:00 pm

All other students in Years 8, 9, and 10 will begin their term after the weekend on Monday 7th September. From this Monday onward, the entire school will be back together and operating on the usual daily schedule of 8:30am to 3:00pm.

Start date	Year group	School opens for students to start arriving	Start time	End time
Friday 4th September	7	8.15am	8.30am	3.00pm
Friday 4th September	11	10.45am	11.05am	3.00pm
Friday 4th September	12 and 13	8.15am	8.30am	3.00pm
Monday 7th September	All year groups 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 12, 13	8.00am	8.30am	3.00pm

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that when we return in September, students in Years 7, 8, and 9 will not be permitted to bring smartphones to school. This decision builds on the positive impact this policy has had on our Year 7 students over the past year. Our primary goal is to foster a focused, safe learning environment and protect our students' wellbeing from the well-documented pressures of social media. We are grateful for your continued partnership and support as we take this important step forward for our school community.