



14 December 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

End of Term Arrangements

I hope this finds you well as we approach the final few days in school before the Christmas break. I am writing to confirm some end-of-term arrangements as well as key dates for the new year.

Attendance remains our top priority in school and we encourage all students to attend every day in the week ahead. Our '100 Club' draw takes place on Thursday so please remind your child to place their tickets in the boxes near the dining hall before Thursday morning and remind them, always, that they need to be in to win! Research from the Department for Education makes clear that students whose attendance is over 95% have the best chance of securing the best grades in GCSEs and getting firm foundations during Key Stage Three is vital to achieve success at Key Stage Four.

Our Year 11 students have completed their mock exams and enjoyed their results assembly this week - with only 16 (school) weeks to go until the first exam, there has never been a better time to make revision part of the daily and weekly routine. Our Year 10 students have completed their first Key Stage Four assessments and reports will be distributed soon. Our Key Stage Three students are the next cohort in school to be tested and your child has details of their Endpoints assessments slots. Please encourage your child to revise for these assessments as they allow staff to celebrate success and to consider areas for improvement.

We have been very proud of our students as they have got to grips with SPARX homework over the last term. As you are aware, this homework is set weekly on a Wednesday at 3pm and closes on the following Wednesday at 8am. We strongly encourage every student to complete these (and all!) pieces of homework - we know that students who complete SPARX revision and homework every week have a far greater chance of achieving higher grades at GCSE and regular revision makes a huge difference to students at all levels. We reward completion with stamps which can be 'cashed in' for queue jump tickets at lunchtime, home bakes, tuck shop vouchers and more, as well as special treats from our maths and science departments. Many students will receive a reward this week. We strongly encourage completion of SPARX tasks and would like to thank you for your support.

In line with other schools across the Heartwood Learning Trust, we have introduced our YONDR pouches this half term as we have sought to become a truly phone-free school and the impact on our young people is clear. I would ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child brings a bag and their pouch to school every day so we can operate this system effectively.

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The next four days in school are packed with Christmas activities. House reward assemblies take place every morning where we celebrate the achievements of our young people over the last half term. Students are able to enjoy a Christmas Dinner in school on Tuesday or Wednesday paying via their school meal balance on their ParentPay accounts. Our Year 7 students have been busily preparing their wares for the Christmas Fair which takes place on Tuesday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm in the school hall - all are welcome to attend and contribute to our students' fundraising efforts! Finally our Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Thursday when students are asked to donate some pennies or pounds to Save the Children and in return they can wear a Christmas jumper or a plain top decorated with tinsel or similar. Students who wear a Christmas 'top half' can wear their 'own' bottom half! We look forward to seeing our students in some Christmas creations and would like to remind everyone that we have some clean donated Christmas jumpers available in the library. We break up for school on **Thursday 18 December at 3.15pm.**

Finally, I would like to remind families that we have issued FEAST vouchers to all families whose children receive benefits-related free school meals. These vouchers entitle children to free places on FEAST activities this Christmas holiday, where they'll also receive a free healthy meal. Families should have received their vouchers via email or text, from a platform called HolidayActivities. To learn more about FEAST, including activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, please visit the FEAST website. We recommend booking places as soon as possible for the great activities happening locally. If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have misplaced it, please contact the school office before the end of term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during my time at the school. I have been incredibly #ProudToBePindar and look forward to the school's continued success in the future. Mr Willis and the team look forward to seeing all students on **Tuesday 6 January at 8.40am.**

Yours sincerely

Lesley Welsh
Principal



Key Dates

Spring Term 2026	
Tuesday 6 January	Return to school at 8.40am
W./c. 6 January; w./c.12 January; w./c.19 January	Key Stage 3 Endpoints Assessments
Thursday 15 January 15.25-18.25	Year 11 Parents' & Carers Evening
Thursday 29 January 15.25-18.25	Year 10 Parents' & Carers Evening
Wednesday 4 February 16.00-17.00	An introduction to the work of the Ivison Trust for parents & carers
Wednesday 11 February 18.30-19.30	An online introduction to the work of the Ivison Trust for parents & carers
Monday 2 March - Friday 13 March	Year 11 Mock Exams
Thursday 5 March 15.25-18.25	Year 9 Options and Parents' / Carers Evening
Thursday 26 March 15.25-18.25	Year 8 Parents' & Carers Evening