

23 March 2026

Dear families,

As we come to the end of term, I hope this message finds you well. I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and to recognise the effort our students have been putting into their learning. It has been a strong and purposeful term, and we are proud of the commitment they continue to show.

This term has also been rich with memorable experiences beyond the classroom. Our World Book Day was fantastic, with staff fully embracing the occasion and helping to create a real sense of excitement around reading and storytelling across the academy.

We were also proud to host our “Girls Who Climb” event, organised by Melissa Peake, which was truly exceptional. The event brought together a range of high-quality speakers who shared their experiences, followed by a Q&A and careers fair where students had the opportunity to engage directly with inspiring female role models. From the fire service and police to creative industries such as DJing, the breadth of representation was powerful. It was particularly inspiring to see such a large audience of young women, supported by their male ally peers, fully engaged and leaving the event motivated about their future possibilities.

As we move into the final week, there is still much to look forward to. On Wednesday, our Year 11 students will take part in their Geography fieldwork trip. On Thursday, we will be hosting our “Speak It Out” event for Year 9 boys, focusing on exploring and celebrating positive, progressive masculinity.

The academy will close for the Easter holidays on Friday 27 March 2026. Students will return on Monday 13 April 2026 at the usual time of 8.15am.

Please note the following early finishes this week:

- Thursday 26 March – students will finish at 1.30pm due to a staff data afternoon
- Friday 27 March – students will finish at 1.30pm for the Easter break

During the Easter break, we will also be running our Year 11 Revision Camp. We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 11 students and supporting them as they prepare for their final examinations. This is a key moment, and we are committed to ensuring they have every opportunity to succeed. Parents and carers are asked to complete the Microsoft Form that was sent out last week, indicating where your child will be attending.

On our return, we are incredibly proud that, in our first week back, some of our students will be performing at the Shakespeare Schools Festival on Thursday. This is a fantastic opportunity and a real milestone for our performing arts provision, and we look forward to celebrating their success.

We will be welcoming Year 8 parents for Parents’ Evening on Thursday 16 April from 4.00pm–6.00pm. On the same evening, we would also like to invite Year 10 parents to attend an information session on the GCSE Religious Education Short Course, starting at 5.30pm. This session will ensure families are well equipped with key information, including revision materials and practical ways to support their children at home in the lead-up to assessments.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. I hope all our students enjoy a well-earned rest over the break, and we look forward to welcoming them back next term ready for the final stretch of the year.

Warm regards,



Mr Nick Hughes  
Principal

