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Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to once again thank all of our students for the way they have approached the final few weeks of the school year. Despite the challenges of the recent hot weather and the unexpected school closure, they have shown resilience, maturity and a positive attitude throughout. I am also tremendously grateful to the staff who have continued to support our students so well.

The supportive nature of our community was also on display as we welcomed Year 5 and Year 6 students into our school for transition events. It was wonderful to see such a warm welcome from our students, ably led by our new cohort of prefects.

We are now looking forward to some more opportunities to celebrate with our students in the next few days, and I am very much looking forward to sports day tomorrow.

On the last day of term, Friday 17 July, the school day will finish at 12:45pm. Buses will be running at that time for those students who use school transport, with the exception of the Daffodil Line. Students will be able to catch the Daffodil line from the Market House at 1:10pm.

### **Staffing update**

As always, at the end of the year, we say good bye to some valued colleagues. I would like to thank Mr McClusky and Miss Watson for all they have done to support the children, and in wishing them good luck for the future. In Mr McClusky's case, I am pleased to say the goodbye is not forever, as he will be supporting us as a cover teacher in the future. We're very lucky that he is doing so.

We have recently said farewell to Miss Lawrence-Fielden and I would also like to take this opportunity to wish her the best, and thank her significant contributions as our DT technician.

We are also saying a temporary goodbye to Mrs Limbrick, who has recently started her maternity leave, and Mrs Mack who will shortly begin hers. I know you will join me in wishing them and their families the very best at this exciting time.

Next year we are joined by:

- Miss Auer, teacher of maths and science
- Mr Clancy, maternity cover, teacher of humanities
- Mrs Holloway, teacher of science

We also have some internal changes:

- Mrs Barker will be the Year Leader for next year's Year 11
- Miss James will be our Assistant Faculty Leader for the Art and Design Department, including taking on the role of Subject Leader for Art
- Mr Morgan will be our Assistant Training Manager, in addition to his ongoing role as Faculty Lead for PE
- Mr Worrall will be our DT technician

My sincere congratulations to all of these colleagues, whether new to the school or new to their roles. We have been very fortunate to have such strong additions and changes, and I am looking forward to seeing them thrive in these roles.

### **2026/2027 Term Dates**

A copy of our 2026/2027 Term Dates is attached. I wanted to highlight that we have a staff training day on Friday 23 October 2026 when school is closed to students. Additionally, the school day finishes at 12:45pm on Friday 18 December 2026 and Wednesday 21 July 2027.

### **Uniform and Equipment List**

To support you and your child in preparing for the start of the new academic year, I have attached a copy of our uniform and equipment list.

To make the cost of school uniform more affordable, schools are now only permitted to have three items of uniform featuring their badge or logo. We introduced this change at the start of this term. However, we recognise that purchasing school uniform can still be expensive for families. If you have any concerns about meeting these costs, please contact us at [admin@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk) and we will do our best to provide support.

Yours sincerely,



John Holmes  
Headteacher