



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we prepare to welcome students back for the start of the new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to share some important information and key reminders to help ensure a smooth and successful start to September.

We are looking forward to another exciting year at Pakefield High School and to building on the progress and achievements of last year. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership; together, we can ensure that every student is ready to learn, thrive and achieve their very best.

Please find below some important information and reminders for the start of the new school year:

Start of the New Academic Year

The new school year will begin as follows:

Tuesday 1st September 2026 – *Staff Professional Development Day* (students do not attend)

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – *Staff Professional Development Day* (students do not attend)

Thursday 3rd September 2026 – *Staggered start for all students*

- Year 7: arrive for a start at **8:30am**
- Year 11: arrive for a start at **9:00am**
- Year 8: arrive for a start at **9:30am**
- Year 9: arrive for a start at **10:00am**
- Year 10: arrive for a start at **10:30am**

Friday 4th September 2026 – All students in as normal arriving for an **8:30am start**

All students should arrive in **full school uniform**, ready for a prompt and purposeful start to the day.

Key Reminders for September

Uniform

Please ensure your child returns in full compliance with our uniform policy, which is available on our website. In summary, students should wear:

- School blazer or jumper with the school logo
- White shirt or blouse
- School tie

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- One of the following:
 - Plain dark grey or black trousers (formal, loose fit, ankle-length)
 - Plain dark grey or black shorts (formal, loose fit)
 - Pleated Pakefield knee-length grey school skirt
- Polishable or patent formal black shoes

Jewellery should be discreet and appropriate for school. Students may wear:

- One set of plain studs or small sleepers in pierced ears
- One small nose stud
- One watch, necklace, bracelet, or ring

PE Kit

We have a branded Pakefield PE kit however, from September, the only compulsory branded PE item is the zipped jumper or rain jacket. As a result, the Pakefield High School PE kit is as follows:

- Plain Black or Pakefield PE polo shirt or t-shirt
- Pakefield PE training top or/and raincoat
- Plain Black or Navy loose shorts, skort, sports leggings or tracksuit trousers
- Black or Navy long sports socks
- Appropriate sports footwear i.e trainers, football boots

Equipment

All students are expected to arrive fully equipped for learning. This includes:

- A school bag
- Stationery: black or blue pen, green pen, pencil, ruler
- Calculator (Casio FX-83 or FX-85 preferred) – available to purchase from the school in September
- PE kit (when applicable)
- Optional: colouring pencils, highlighters, paper glue

Attendance

Excellent attendance is a key priority. We ask for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives on time.



Structure of the School Day (from September 2026)

Time	Session
08:30 – 09:30	Period 1
09:30 – 10:30	Period 2
10:30 – 10:50	Break
10:50 – 11:50	Period 3
11:50 – 12:50	Period 4
12:50 – 13:20	Lunch (Years 7, 9, 11) / Tutor Time (Years 8, 10)
13:20 – 13:50	Lunch (Years 8, 10) / Tutor Time (Years 7, 9, 11)
13:50 – 14:50	Period 5
14:50 – 15:50	Period 6 (Tuesday & Wednesday)

Clubs can take place before, during and after the school day. After school clubs will normally last until 15:30 on a Monday, Thursday and Friday and 16:30 on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

We look forward to welcoming our students back in September and to another successful year at Pakefield High School.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Dougherty
Head of School