

8 June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Start of Summer 2 Update and Reminders

As we start the beginning of this busy final half term for this academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you as always for your ongoing support.

Looking Ahead: High Standards and Expectations

To ensure we maintain the positive momentum that was in place last half term, we would like to take this moment to gently remind you of our fundamental school expectations.

Our foundation is built on three simple rules. We expect every student to be:

1. **Ready:** Fully prepared to learn with the correct equipment and mindset.
2. **Respectful:** Treating everyone in our community with dignity and consideration and respecting our school environment.
3. **Safe:** Making choices that protect the well-being of themselves and others.

We will be focused on 'Safe' this half term, building on 'Respect' from last half term.

To support these expectations, please note the following key reminders:

- **Punctuality:** The school day begins promptly at 8.45am. Arriving on time is crucial, as it sets a calm and focused tone for the rest of the day and ensures no vital morning information is missed.
- **Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all lessons. Consistent attendance is directly linked to academic success and personal well-being.
- **Uniform:** We take pride in our school identity. Students must arrive looking smart and adhering to our uniform policy without exception.

Below is some important additional information for the remainder of this academic year and additionally as advance notice for the new academic year in September.

Uniform: Now - Whilst we appreciate that the weather has recently brought higher temperatures - it is important to remember that uniform must still be worn. Students can wear black tailored shorts - but they **must not wear** informal board shorts. Hats can be worn at break times to provide protection from the sun, but they **must not be worn** in lesson times or in the school building at any

time. The school will take a stance on adjustments to uniform expectations in line with weather conditions - but the two aspects mentioned above will not change.

Uniform: From September - We are amending our uniform policy for September 2026 to allow the blazer **OR** the jumper to be the main branded item. Students **must wear** a Medina College blazer **OR** a Medina College grey jumper. For clarity, no other jumper/sweatshirt/hoodie will be allowed. We will also be consulting in the coming months about uniform for September 2027.

Mobile phones: Following our mobile phone survey and the recent media coverage, schools are expected to operate as mobile phone-free environments by default from the start of the 2026-27 academic year (September 2026). The Department for Education guidelines dictate that phones must not be used or accessible at any point during the school day, including break times and lunch and school leaders have Ofsted's full backing to ban mobile phones. Obviously, parents/carers have an important role in supporting the school's policy on prohibiting the use of mobile phones. We ask that you reinforce and discuss the following expectations at home as appropriate, including the risks associated with mobile phone use and the benefits of a mobile phone-free environment.

From September 2026 we are making some changes to the structure of the school day to enable us to facilitate managing this expectation. Following much research and opportunities for consultation, we have taken the decision to collect students' mobile phones in the morning and give them back just before the end of the school day. By doing this, it allows all students to feel safe on their journey to and from school, while removing digital distraction for the entirety of the school day.

Therefore the internal school day layout will be amended as below:

Time	Period
08:45 - 09:10	Tutor time/Assembly/phones in
09:10 - 10:10	Period 1
10:10 - 11.10	Period 2
11:10 - 11:30	Break
11:30 - 12:30	Period 3
12:30 - 13:30	Period 4
13:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	Period 5
15:00 - 15:15	Tutor time/phones out

This keeps the start and end time the same as it is now, and moves lunch back by 15 minutes too. Mobiles will be securely locked away during the day.

Should you need to contact your child during the school day, please contact the school reception, who can put you through to the pastoral Student Hub. The Student Hub is available for students who urgently need to contact home.

The full mobile phone policy will be shared with you over the coming weeks.

The school environment: As explained, respect for the school environment is vitally important. We have seen an increase in poor actions of a minority of students when it comes to respecting the school building. If you could please support us by reminding your child(ren) graffiti on school property is vandalism, dislodging ceiling tiles is vandalism, kicking open doors is antisocial behaviour, damaging IT equipment is vandalism. All of these actions will be followed up with appropriate sanctions - we will be asking you to support this message. Where appropriate parents/carers may be charged for wilful damage.

Whilst writing, here are also some key date reminders:

Friday, 19 June 2026 - School closed due to IW Festival

Monday, 22 June 2026 - School closed due to IW Festival - Online learning will be provided.

Wednesday, 8 July 2026 - School closed - Development Day

Friday, 10 July 2026 - 50 years of Medina Activities Day

Thursday, 23 July 2026 - Whole school Sports Day

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ring more information about the year ahead over the coming weeks.

Thank you again for your support.



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