



STOCKPORT SCHOOL

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24th August 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your child are enjoying what remains of the summer break. In advance of our return, and further to my letter at the end of term, dated 9th July, I thought it may be helpful to remind and update you of the following information.

Start of Term Dates

Stockport School will re-open for the start of the autumn term in a staggered format in order to ensure that all students are provided with a supportive induction and transition programme upon their return. This will include two full days of induction and transition activities for our new **Year 7 students beginning for them only on Wednesday 2nd September from 11.20am.**

Our **Year 11 students** will also receive a full day of additional induction/transition day activities with the inclusion of some important careers and post-16 guidance and advice sessions to help support them with their planning for the year ahead, **beginning for them on Thursday 3rd September from 8.40am.**

Our **Year 10 students** will then be next to return at **10.30am on Thursday 3rd September**, and with **Years 8 and 9** then also beginning the academic year with their induction from **11.20am on the same day, Thursday 3rd September.**

The **annual individual school photographs** will also take place for all students during the Induction Day on **Thursday 3rd September.**

For information, I have attached at the end of this letter a summary of the updated Tutor group lists, outlining Form Tutors and rooms for 2026/27. Please note that new Year 7 students will be advised and reminded of their new Tutor group upon arrival for their first Induction day in September.

****Please check the table, below, carefully for the exact date and time when your child is due to return in September as it will vary dependent upon which Year group your child is in, in order to accommodate the induction/transition activities.***

The return dates and times for all students are listed below, for your information and planning.

<u>Return Date</u>	<u>Groups Involved</u>	<u>Activity and Start Times</u>
Tuesday 1st September	Staff Only	Staff Inset Day (Training)
Wednesday 2nd September (Year 7 Induction Day)	Year 7 Only	Induction Day 1, 11.20am – 3.00pm
Thursday 3rd September (Staggered Start Induction Day for all Year groups)	Year 7	Induction and Transition Activity Day 2, 8.40am – 3.50pm
	Year 11	Induction Day and Careers Guidance Day 1, 8.40am – 3.50pm
	Year 10	Induction Day 1 and Early Entry GCSE Focus, 10.30am – 3.50pm
	Years 8 & 9	Induction Day 1, 11.20am – 3.50pm
Friday 4th September (Start of Full Teaching Timetable for all Year groups)	All Students	All Students across all Year groups return full-time for the start of the normal teaching timetable from 8.40am



POSITIVITY

RESPECT

OPPORTUNITY

UNITY

DETERMINATION





New Year 7 students should arrive via the Mile End Lane pedestrian gate and then congregate on the tennis courts upon arrival on their first day from 11.20am on Wednesday 2nd September. Parents and carers must not come onto school premises with their child.

All other students across other Year groups, should also initially enter the school grounds on their first induction day back in September by one of the gates specified below for their Year group. It is important that all students arrive via the correct gate at the correct time.

Students will be required to access and leave the school premises via one of the following specified gates:

Gate	Year Group	
Mile End Pedestrian Gate (single gate)	Year 7	
Lake Street Gate (double width gate)	Year 8	Year 9
Sandhurst Road Gate (double width gate)	Year 10	Year 11

Students arriving on bicycles, must enter/exit via the same gate specified for their Year group, above. Students must disembark their bikes and then walk and push their bikes across the school to and from the cycle compound to the appropriate gate.

When arriving for their first induction day in September, students must immediately go direct, without mixing with other Year groups to congregate at their Tutor group Fire Evacuation lining-up point on one of the following Playground areas, where they will be greeted by staff and given further instruction.

Year Group	Induction Date & Arrival Time	Entry Gate	Congregation Point
Year 7	Wednesday 2 nd September 11.20am	Mile End Gate	Year 7 Fire Evacuation Tutor Group Lining-up Point on the Small Tennis Courts
Year 8	Thursday 3 rd September 11.20am	Lake Street Gate	Year 8 Fire Evacuation Tutor Group Lining-up Point on the Large Tennis Courts
Year 9	Thursday 3 rd September 11.20am	Lake Street Gate	Year 9 Fire Evacuation Tutor Group Lining-up Point on the Large Tennis Courts
Year 10	Thursday 3 rd September 10.30am	Sandhurst Road Gate	Year 10 Fire Evacuation Tutor Group Lining-up Point on the Lake Street Gym Playground in front of the Canopy
Year 11	Thursday 3 rd September 8.40am	Sandhurst Road Gate	Year 11 Fire Evacuation Tutor Group Lining-up Point on the Lake Street Gym Playground near to the Sports Cage

2026/27 Term Dates

I have included with this letter, a copy of next year's Term Dates for the new academic year.

In relation to this, please could I remind you that **I am no longer allowed to authorise term time holidays for students**. Parents are therefore, advised to arrange any family holidays outside the published school term times, and to try and arrange any necessary medical appointments for the end of the school day to avoid missing time off school.

***Please also see the additional information on attendance and punctuality below, which contains important notifications on Government laws and expectations from September regarding unauthorised absence and lateness to school.**

Attendance

Our attendance target for all students is 100% (190 days attended from 190) and **we have a core expectation that all students achieve over 97% attendance**. It goes almost without saying that regular attendance is essential to progress and success, and I would hope that you will support us from the start of term in helping your child to achieve well over 97% attendance next year.

I must also inform you of where the law has been changed to address poor attendance, lateness to school, and unauthorised absence, where **Penalty Notice Fines are now expected to be issued for term-time leave for where there are 10 x AM or PM sessions (5 days equivalent) missed during a 10-week period**. The fines amount to **£160 per parent, per child (or reduced to**

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*£80 if paid within 21 days) for a first offence, which is then increased to **£160 per parent, per child without any reduction for a second offence within 3 years**. Please note that should there then be **a third or more offence within 3 years then it will be presented to a Magistrates' Court where fines can amount up to £2,500 per parent, per child**, and with cases found guilty at the Magistrates Court can then show on a parent's future DBS certificate, due to a failure to safeguard a child's education.*

I am no longer allowed to authorise term time holidays for students. Parents are therefore, advised to arrange any family holidays outside the published school term times, to avoid your child being recorded as an unauthorised absence and at risk of the Penalty Notice fines listed above.

Please also note that **if students arrive after 9.00am then they will be marked as an unauthorised absence for the full morning session**. It is essential therefore, for their own educational benefit as well to avoid accumulating missed unauthorised sessions and potential expensive fines (as listed above), that students adopt good routines and arrive in school for 8.30am and promptly at Form time by 8.40am each morning to potentially avoid being marked as an unauthorised absence.

All parents and carers are also reminded of the school policy upon requesting absence from school to attend medical or dental appointments during school hours. **Routine medical and dental appointments should be avoided where possible during the school day, with appointments ideally arranged outside of school hours**. It is accepted that some non-routine, specialist treatments may not be bookable by appointment & may therefore, need additional consideration for leave during school hours.

Given the importance of safeguarding in relation to non-attendance, I wish to also advise that if a student is off for two days or more, without suitable notification and evidence provided, it is possible that a **home visit welfare check may be made** in the interests of safeguarding for the child.

Attendance is very important, and where students can attend school, they should, and we will then do all that we can in school to support them in their progress and development. **Every day matters and each day or part-day missed hinders progress!**

Uniform, Equipment & Appearance

As part of our continual drive to maintain high standards and our 'PROUD' values including our 'Ready to Learn' ethos, I would once again from the start of term, like to request your full support as parents/carers.

I would ask that **students wear their Stockport School uniform with pride at all times**, both in school and on the journey to and from school. Students should continue to wear their blazers, with shirts/blouses fully buttoned and tucked in to their waistband, with ties attached correctly at the collar (ties should be clip-on only). Shoes should be able to be polished as black leather, with no canvas material, trainers or boots permitted.

Students are also advised during the winter months to wear under layers such as vests or plain white T shirts under their school uniform, as well as being strongly advised to purchase and wear the optional School jumper underneath their school blazer, to ensure that they remain warm enough during the autumn and winter months. Coats should not be worn inside the school buildings.

Outdoor coats are an important addition to the full school uniform, and all students are advised to have a good warm, and if possible, waterproof coat (not hooded top or tracksuit which are not permitted), to wear, when outside, over their school blazer. This is particularly important as all students are required to go outside of the school buildings at break and lunchtime (unless it is extreme wet weather).

From the start of the 2026/27 academic year, all students are also required to **bring a suitable school bag to school each day**. This supports 'The Stockport School Way' and our commitment to ensuring that all students are 'Ready to Learn'. A suitable school bag helps students stay organised and ensures they arrive fully prepared for every lesson. It is also essential in terms of preparation for success in school, that each child continues to bring in their own equipment (pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, scientific calculator, subject materials and books etc.). If necessary, equipment like scientific calculators can also be purchased from the school shop and via our online Wisepay system at cheaper prices than in supermarkets.

I would also like to remind all parents/carers that the following items are also not allowed in school:

- Students are not allowed to wear jewellery apart from a simple wristwatch (*smart or Apple watches are not allowed*)
- Body piercings are not allowed, apart from one small plain stud in each ear lobe.
- Hair styles and colours should not be extreme, with only natural hair colouring permitted, and without any partial or full highlighting of any kind.

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- Make-up and false eyelashes are not allowed and should not be worn.
- Nail varnish, false nails/extensions, BIAB/Acrylic or Gel nails are also not suitable for school and are not allowed.
- Students must not wear additional badges or attach items to their uniform which do not directly link to school.

Students are also reminded that if worn, skirts must not be rolled up at the waist and must be of a reasonable length just above or below the knee. Skirts should also be worn with accompanying black tights. Unfortunately, earlier during the summer term, some students were beginning to breach this expectation by intentionally wearing their skirts inappropriately far too short by rolling the waist band up. This is not acceptable nor respectful of our high expectations as a school. If upon our return in September, any skirts are deemed to be too short and inappropriate for school then parents will be contacted, and students may be isolated until they appear in appropriate school uniform.

Please could I ask you as parents/carers, to follow our uniform (including correct shoes) policy fully when purchasing any new items of uniform prior to September. The full uniform policy is available on our website [Stockport School](#) and also via this hyperlink [School Information – Stockport School](#)

Please also note as a reminder to my previous letters and communications, that we will continue to enforce a strict no trainers rule whatsoever, with students ONLY permitted to wear traditional black shoes or plain black leather Nike Air Force One shoes. Black or coloured training shoes of any other type will not be permitted.

I would also like to remind parents that uniform and PE kit items can be purchased from all our usual uniform suppliers ([Davensport](#) on Bramhall Lane in Davenport and [Monkhouse](#) near to the Bus Station in Stockport). All parents/carers are advised to shop early before the end of August for new uniform and shoes, to avoid queues (it may be that you have to book an appointment). All students, without exception, must wear full school uniform including tie, blazer and black polishable leather shoes upon their return in September.

In support of our high standards and expectations, if any non-permitted appearance related issues arise which flout our clear uniform, equipment, and appearance policy, including for example, hair colouring, make-up, nails, piercings, trainers, or indeed if skirts are deemed to be too short and inappropriate for school then parents will be contacted, and if no reasonable action is taken, students may then be internally isolated until they appear in appropriate school uniform and/or their appearance is resolved in line with our policy.

For your information, Heads of Year, have a small supply of basic uniform items, including blazers, trousers, skirts, shirts/blouses, ties, and shoes for those students whom for whatever reason are struggling to obtain them for use in school, and students who do not have them should see their Head of Year for support with this. Parents and carers are encouraged privately to contact your child's Head of Year should you need to for any support or advice with regards to these matters which will be addressed in a sensitive and supportive fashion.

Mobile Phones & Electronic Equipment

A particular distraction to learning that we have thankfully now almost eliminated, is that of mobile phones, earphones and electronic Apple/smart watches, and I would once again like to request your support in reminding your child that these items should be switched off and kept out of sight throughout the entire school day. This is also now a government expectation.

Electronic Apple/smart watches, due to exam regulations and general distraction, are not allowed whatsoever in school and therefore, should not be worn.

Students are however, allowed at their own risk, to bring in their mobile phones. They must however, **after 8.20am, be switched off and put away out of sight, and not be taken out, looked at, or used in any way whatsoever, from when students enter through the gate in the morning until they have left the school building at the end of the normal school day and are about to make their way home for the evening**. Students who abuse this rule (including that of Apple/smart watches) will have the **item confiscated and stored safely for parents to collect**.

Parents are also reminded not to try to phone or message children on their mobile phones during the school day as this will likely result in their child's phone being confiscated. Please contact the School Office if you need to send an important and urgent message to your child during the school day.

**All parents/carers are advised in advance of this school rule and of the necessity for them (or another named adult) to collect confiscated items from the school office, and that we will not look to waiver this ruling for individual students allowing them to*

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collect their own confiscated equipment instead of parents/carers. It is important therefore, that students are also reminded at home of this expectation and rule, so that it does not risk causing upset or offence if requested and denied in the future.

Bikes and Student Safety

Given the large numbers of students who cycle to school each day, I would again like to remind students and parents of the importance of bike safety and road awareness. There have been several reports this year of students riding bikes without taking due care and attention of the environment around them, sometimes causing concern to pedestrians and car drivers. In the interests of safety, I would ask that all students ensure that their bikes are roadworthy in terms of safety and that they show due consideration to other persons when riding to and from school to avoid an accident. We would also strongly advise the wearing of a helmet for additional safety in case of an accident – current students will be aware from assemblies of how wearing a helmet saved the life of one of our students who was involved in a serious accident near to school.

In the past, some students, on occasion, sought to bring very expensive electric bikes and/or scooters onto the school premises, which unfortunately drew some unwanted attention from youths in the locality, and we have also had reports of students having their electric bikes and scooters stolen when riding around in the community. There is also an additional danger to the use and storage of electric bikes on and around our busy school community, and as such, **students are banned from bringing electric bikes or scooters onto the school premises.** Students who abuse this rule will have the electric bike/scooter confiscated and stored safely for parents to collect following a meeting with a Senior Leader or Head of Year.

Students should also note that all bicycles must be stored securely in our bike rack areas near to the Tennis Courts or Lake Street Gym. If students come to school on a bike, they must secure their bike with a lock in this area by no later than 8.35am. For health and safety reasons bikes cannot be left anywhere else on the school site and will be removed if found.

**Please note that the school does not accept any responsibility for any damage or theft of bikes brought onto the school premises, and bikes are therefore, brought onto the premises at risk of the owner.*

Please could I also remind parents who drop-off or pick-up students from school, not to park on double yellow or zig-zag lines as not adhering to this puts our students and other passers-by at risk. By way of consideration and courtesy to our neighbouring residents, I would also ask that parents are considerate of where they park when dropping off or picking up their child from school, and we would ask that parents avoid blocking driveways or parking in such a way that restricts the flow of traffic around the school.

Examination Results

I would like to congratulate our Class of 2026 Year 11 Leavers upon their well-earned success in this year's GCSEs examinations. We were delighted with the individual results and achievements of our students, who despite all of the significant challenges that they faced throughout the end of their primary school education, and the start of their five-year secondary school journey, which was of course significantly disrupted by the COVID pandemic, school closures and restrictions, achieved as a cohort, some excellent results this summer. We are very proud of their hard work and success, and would like to congratulate and thank them, their parents and carers, and our staff who have all played a significant part together in achieving the highly successful outcomes this year!

Finally, I hope you continue to enjoy and make the most of what remains of the summer break, my staff and I look forward to welcoming you and your child back to school in September.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

Enclosures:

Term Dates 2026-27
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Term Dates 2026-27

Autumn Term 2026

(Term Lengths: 7 weeks & 4 days / 7 weeks)

**School will be closed to students on Tuesday, 1st September 2026 for staff training (INSET Day)*

Begins: Wednesday, 2nd September 2026 at 11.20am (Year 7 only) (**RED week**)
 Thurs, 3rd Sept 2026 at 8.40am (Y7 & Y11 only), at 10.30am (Y10 only), & at 11.20am (Years 8 & 9)
 Friday, 4th September 2026 at 8.40am, all students begin their full teaching timetable

Half-Term: **Closes:** Friday, 23rd October 2026
Opens: Monday, 2nd November 2026 at 8.40am (**RED week**)

**School will be closed to students on Friday, 27th November 2026 for staff training (INSET Day - *Disaggregated)*

Ends: Friday, 18th December 2026

Spring Term 2027

(Term Lengths: 6 weeks / 4 weeks & 4 days)

Begins: Monday, 4th January 2027 at 8.40am (**BLUE week**)

Half-Term: **Closes:** Friday, 12th February 2027
Opens: Monday, 22nd February 2027 at 8.40am (**BLUE week**)

Ends: Thursday, 25th March 2027

***School will be closed for Easter, inclusive of Good Friday on 26th March 2027 & Easter Monday on 29th March 2027*

Summer Term 2027

(Term Lengths: 6 weeks & 4 days / 6 weeks & 3 days)

Begins: Monday, 12th April 2027 at 8.40am (**RED week**)

***School will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday, 3rd May 2027*

Half-Term: **Closes:** Friday, 28th May 2027
Opens: Monday, 7th June 2027 at 8.40am (**BLUE week**)

Ends: Friday, 16th July 2027

**School will be closed to students on Mon 19th, Tues 20th, & Weds 21st July 2027 for staff training (INSET - *Disaggregated)*

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Form Tutor List – 2026-27

	<u>Tutor Group</u>	<u>Form Tutor</u>	<u>Form Room</u>	<u>Head of Year</u> (Assistant HoY)	<u>Senior Leader</u> (Upper or Lower)		
Upper School	11 Klee	Miss Powell	131	Mrs Clarkson (Miss Cheetwood)	Mr Hinton		
	11 Van Gogh	Mr Weibrecht-Wells / Mr Coyne	124				
	11 Escher	Mrs Cox / Mrs Cawthorne	220				
	11 Picasso	Miss Parker / Mrs Harris	135 / (126)				
	11 Da Vinci	Mrs Fernandez	224				
	11 Riley	Mr Carrick	130				
	11 Goldsworthy	Ms. Zanetti / Miss Jackson	N7				
	11 Lowry	Mr Didcote / Mr Coyne	122				
	11 Monet	Mrs Lord / Mr Tipler	125				
	11 Turner	Mrs Perkins / Mrs Hogan	J7				
	10 Klee	Mrs Barber	N8	Mr Taher (Miss Podmore)		Mr Hinton	
	10 Van Gogh	Mrs Miah / Mr Didcote	M5				
	10 Escher	Miss Evans	219				
	10 Picasso	Mr Murphy	M1				
	10 Da Vinci	Miss Roberts / Mrs Roberts	J4				
	10 Riley	Mr Starczan	N4				
	10 Goldsworthy	Mrs Smith	154				
	10 Lowry	Mrs Burns	M3				
	10 Monet	Mr T. Wright	139				
	10 Turner	Mr Rongong	151				
	9 Klee	Miss Matuszyk	J5	Mrs Thorley (Mr Roberts)			Mr Hinton
	9 Van Gogh	Mrs Jourde	155				
	9 Escher	Miss Ahmed	136				
	9 Picasso	Mr Jepson	228				
	9 Da Vinci	Mrs Dwyer	223				
	9 Riley	Mr Thorneycroft	N2				
	9 Goldsworthy	Mr McMahon	N5				
	9 Lowry	Mrs Dutton	229				
9 Monet	Miss Mellow	J3					
9 Turner	Mr Boyle	N1					
Lower School	8 Klee	Mrs Howarth	140	Ms. Goddard (Miss Burgess)	Mrs Robinson		
	8 Van Gogh	Mrs Didcote	OUS				
	8 Escher	Mr Hegarty	128				
	8 Picasso	Mrs Swift	J8				
	8 Da Vinci	Miss Sandbach	134				
	8 Riley	Mr Bowers	217				
	8 Goldsworthy	Miss Horne	M6				
	8 Lowry	Mr Sims / Mr Harrison	M2				
	8 Monet	Mrs Venugopal	132				
	8 Turner	Miss Seller / Mrs Glass	J6				
	7 Klee	Mr Marchant	220	Mr Galvin (Miss Smith)		Mrs Robinson	
	7 Van Gogh	Mr N. Wright / Miss Cassidy	J11				
	7 Escher	Miss Malcolm	J2				
	7 Picasso	Miss Watson	152				
	7 Da Vinci	Mr Hodgson	129				
	7 Riley	Mr Miller	153				
	7 Goldsworthy	Mr Richardson	138				
	7 Lowry	Mr Burgoyne	202				
	7 Monet	Miss Bradbury	201				
7 Turner	Mr Williamson / Miss Nester	M7					

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