



THE WELLS ACADEMY

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17th July 2026

Dear Families

End of term arrangements

As the weather is due to cool down, all students should revert to wearing their **full Perfect Uniform** next week (Monday 20th July 2026 – Friday 24th July 2026). The final day of this academic year is **Friday 24th July 2026**. The day will finish earlier than usual and students will be dismissed from the academy after lunchtime at **1pm**. Please ensure your child is 'In School, On Time' on Friday.

Food rally

Our final food rally will take place next **Tuesday 21st July 2026** at **9.30am**. All families are welcome to attend, please bring your own bags.

September 2026

As we approach the start of the new academic year, it is vital that all students return ready to make a strong start. The beginning of term is the ideal moment to establish good habits and a positive routine that will support success throughout the year.

You can play an important role in helping your child prepare. Returning to school requires a shift in routines, so we recommend resetting sleep schedules 3 – 5 days before term begins by gradually bringing bedtimes and wake-up times earlier. Reintroduce simple, effective routines such as preparing clothes the night before and eating breakfast at the table. Limiting screen time for at least an hour before bed will also support better sleep. A calm and well-organised first morning will help your child feel confident and ready to return.

The first day back is extremely important. Students will receive their timetables and be informed of any updates to expectations and academy routines. It is also an opportunity to reconnect with friends, meet new teachers and learn about the wide range of clubs and wider opportunities available this year. For Year 10 students, this first day marks the start of their GCSE courses, where key information about the structure and expectations of their subjects will be shared.

Missing the first day of the academic year has a significantly negative impact on students. It often leaves them feeling less prepared and can make catching up much more challenging. We understand the temptation to extend holidays, however, 'Miss School, Miss Out'! **The first days are crucial and cannot be replaced.**

As we've done in previous years, we are staggering students' return to the academy. The table below indicates the date and time your child should return.

Tuesday 1st September 2026	Inset Day – no students in school
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Year 7 and Year 11 only – arrive at 8.20am
Thursday 3rd September 2026	All year groups – arrive at 8.20am
Friday 4th September 2026	All year groups – arrive at 8.20am

Following this letter, you will receive a copy of our updated Family Handbook in the post. This will provide you with detailed information that we hope will support you over the next academic year. Please read this carefully



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as there have been some tweaks and changes.

Finally, thank you so much to families who have completed our [‘Thank a Teacher’ form](#). The responses have been amazing! If you’d like to contribute, please use this form by this **Wednesday 22nd July 2025**.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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