



17th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community. This has been a successful term, marked by several achievements and significant progress in our ongoing drive to raise standards. We have built upon our successes, and the school is now in a very strong position to provide high quality, inclusive teaching for the community of Walton and beyond.

Be Safe: Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance remains a top priority, and our expectation is that every student aims for 100%. Thank you to all families who have engaged positively with our efforts to improve attendance.

Countdown to Christmas: Attendance Rewards

To encourage strong attendance in the final weeks of term, we have introduced additional rewards for students who achieve 100% attendance from 24th November to 19th December. These have included:

- Shopping vouchers and festive gifts
- Weekly prize draws for 100% attendance

All prizes will be issued on the last day of term, Friday 19th December.

Year 7–10 Internal Assessments

As shared in a previous letter, to support teachers in accurately assessing student progress, we have scheduled the following formal assessment weeks:

- **Years 9, 10 & 12:** Monday 12th January – Friday 16th January
- **Years 7 & 8:** Monday 19th January – Friday 24th January

These assessments provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning from recent units of work. Students will be encouraged to take exercise books home, and revision resources will be available through Sparx (maths and science) and uploaded to Microsoft Teams.

Parents' Evenings

It was fantastic to see so many parents attend our recent Year 11 and Year 13 Parents' Evenings this month. Evidence shows that when home and school work in strong partnership, it has a significant impact on your child's life chances. Thank you for your engagement and attendance.

Dates for all Parents' Evenings this academic year are below. Further details will follow closer to each event. All evenings run from **4:00pm to 6:30pm**

Year Group

Years 10 & 12
Year 8
Year 9 (including Guided Choices)
Year 11 & 13
Year 7

Date

Thursday 5th February '26
Thursday 26th February '26
Thursday 12th March '26
Thursday 26th March '26
Thursday 16th April '26

End of Day Arrangements

To maintain the safety of all students at the end of the school day, please avoid parking directly outside the school gates or on the zigzag lines. Parking in these areas creates congestion and poses a serious risk to the safety of over 1,300 students as they leave school. Your cooperation and support are greatly appreciated.

My Child at School App

Please ensure you have downloaded the **MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app** to stay up to date with school news, events and reminders. The app provides a convenient way to access key information about your child's school life, including attendance records, achievement data and behaviour updates.

If you have not yet downloaded the app, please [click this link](#) for instructions. For support with setup, contact us at: mcas@ahs.omegamat.co.uk

End of Term Arrangements

We are looking forward to our Festive Fun Day on **Friday 19th December**. This will be a **non-uniform day** and we encourage staff and students to wear something festive. Students may alternatively wear their PE kit or their school uniform with a festive touch if they prefer. School will close at **12:30pm** on this day.

Key Dates Reminder

- **Friday 19th December** – School closes early at **12:30pm**
- **Monday 5th January** – Staff Training Day (school closed to all students)
- **Tuesday 6th January** – Students return to school (all year groups)

Wishing you a wonderful winter break and we look forward to welcoming our fantastic students back to school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

Best wishes,



Mr Mee
Head of School