

Friday 24th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this academic year ends, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some important dates and developments across the academy, as well as celebrate some of the wonderful achievements of our students.

Name Change

From 1st September the Academy will be called **Sherwood Church Academy**. The uniform and logo will remain the same. We remain committed to creating a caring, supportive and aspirational environment where every student can thrive, grow in confidence and achieve their full potential as part of Sherwood Church Academy. This marks not simply a change of name, but the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our academy, and we look forward to working with our families and community as we continue that journey together.

Student Achievements

Outside of the classroom, our year 7 students recently had the opportunity to take part in the Bushcraft Adventure to Boughton Woods. Students fully embraced their wilderness experience despite the warm temperatures and have been telling us their campfire stories ever since.

Throughout the year several students showcased their hard work and talent in their sporting achievements, representing the Academy and themselves with determination. Two students progressed through regional athletics competitions to compete at national level in the English Schools Athletics Championships, as well as a wonderful effort by many students in local tournaments, particularly in football and netball. Just this week the whole academy was involved in Sports Day and students brought admirable positive energy to the event. A special thank you goes out to our Sixth Formers who helped make the day run smoothly.

Our Summer Decades Festival was a wonderful celebration of our community spirit with many highlights from our dance, drama and music students, raising over £2,100 to fund academy projects beyond the usual curriculum. A huge thank you to all the students, volunteers and staff who helped make this happen.

First day back arrangements – Thursday 3rd September 2026

- Academy opens at 8:10am, with free breakfast available to all until 8:25am.
- Year 7 only, to the hall at 8:30am where they will be with their tutor and receive their timetable during an assembly that will last for 30 minutes. Staff will be ready to direct them to the right place, so please don't worry.
- Years 8-13 straight to tutor rooms at 8:30am to receive their timetable.
- Lessons start as normal from period 1.
- Year 11 into year 12 students are invited to enrol in our sixth form from 2pm-2:50pm on Tuesday 2nd September

Lunch timings

Lunch timings will be slightly different from September:

- Years 7, 8 & Sixth form from 12.20 – 12.50
- Years 9, 10 & 11 from 13.20 – 13.50.

We have made these changes to avoid splitting lessons so all students benefit from an uninterrupted Period 4.

Free School Meals

The government has updated who can receive Free School Meals from September 2026. To see if you are eligible, please go to Nottinghamshire County Council website <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk> and they will update the Academy on your behalf.

Lunch Loans

Our lunch system will be undergoing some IT updates over the summer holidays, which will affect our lunch loan system for students.

To support families, we have requested that the system still allows us to provide loans when students have no money on their lunch account. However, this will be set to a limit of **£7.00 (this is the equivalent of two lunch meal deals)**. This is intended to help

pupils who may require additional funds at lunchtime if money has not been added to their account in time for lunch.

We kindly ask that you check your child's account and clear any outstanding balances as soon as possible to avoid your child being refused a loan if the £7.00 limit has been met. This does not affect students who get Free School Meals.

Uniform and Equipment Requirements

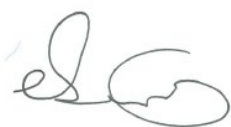
- Academy blazer, white shirt, academy skirt with tights or black trousers (not jeans or leggings), Academy tie
- Black polishable shoes (no black trainers please)
- Pen, pencil, ruler, bag, calculator
- Academy PE kit (academy shirt, academy shorts or academy black leggings/black tracksuit bottoms, black sports socks and trainers)
- Please note that the academy football style socks are no longer part of the compulsory kit. This is in response to statutory guidance around keeping the cost of uniform down.

Communication reminder

Please direct all communications to main reception or to enquiries@tscacademy.org.uk. This will enable the appropriate staff members to answer you as soon as possible.

Thank you once again for your continued support and we sincerely hope you all have a wonderful summer. We look forward to welcoming students back on 3rd September.

Yours faithfully,



Carl Bennett

Head of School