



25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been delighted with the positive attitude and hard work of many of our students since the start of term, and we have been equally delighted with the high attendance rates of so many of our students also. Attendance rates for the school are looking very encouraging, and we thank you for your support on this vital matter.

We have made it clear to our students that we need them to be at school every day, **100%** of the time. High attendance is very closely linked to successful outcomes, in both the primary and secondary phases. We want the very best attainment and outcomes for each of our students, so a clear message from both school and home on the importance of attending school every day is essential. As we work together, your son or daughter will feel and see the benefits, not only now but in the future.

With my grateful thanks, and with all best wishes,

Chris Drew

Interim Headteacher

Please find below a message from Jake Brown, Chair of Governors:

The governors met last week in their first meeting of the term to review the results over the summer for primary and Year 11 groups. We also had a chance to meet and get to know the Interim Headteacher, Mr Drew. Governors challenged school on the summer results (focusing on strengths and areas for improvement) and also plans for this academic year. We also added an extra governors' meeting in November to discuss teaching improvements in more detail. We'll continue to update you after each meeting throughout the year.

What have we been up to this week?

This week across Primary we have seen a welcome reduction in uniform points issued this week, though unfortunately, behavior points have risen; please take some time at home to discuss the importance of following our RRS expectations with your children. Attendance also dipped slightly this week, so as we head into the colder months—when tiredness and illness start to creep in—a gentle reminder that being in school, on time, every day makes all the



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difference. A huge thank you to everyone who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Monday; it was wonderful to see so many parents actively engaging with their children's learning! Finally, our individual and family photographs took place today, and we cannot wait to share the proofs with you as soon as they arrive.

This week in the secondary RRS curriculum, we have been celebrating the progress students have made in their Seneca learning, recognising their effort and commitment to independent study. Well done to everyone who is building positive habits and taking responsibility for their learning.

On Wednesday, secondary students had their school photographs taken, while departments have been busy preparing for next week's Open Evening. We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families and showcasing the learning and opportunities on offer at Unity.

Finally, we are delighted with the strong attendance seen so far this term and thank our students and families for helping to make every school day count.

[New Messages](#)

This half term we have two incentives running across school for behaviour and attendance.

Show up to Dress Down: the year group with the highest attendance between 5th-15th October will win a non-uniform day on the last day of half term.

No Points all Prizes: students with 0 negative RRS points between 5th-15th October will go into a draw to win Amazon vouchers. Classes with the highest number of positive RRS points will win a sweets and treats hamper.

[Standing Messages](#)

Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers) - [Please click here to view the primary newsletter.](#)

Open Evening - 1st October 2026 - [Please click here to read an important whole school message](#) regarding early closure in preparation for Open Evening on Thursday 1st October.

My Child at School App (All Parents/ Carers)

[Please click here](#) for a link to the site. If you access this on a mobile device, you can access the links for the apps.

If you have not signed up, please download the app from the relevant app store, click 'sign up' and use the school postcode (FY2 0TS) or school ID (14676) to register. You must register with the email address we hold on our system for you. Parents are now able to access attendance information on the My Child at School app, and behaviour reports (Positive and Negative) are now also available.



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Reporting Bullying/ Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)

The link to raise a concern remains on the website. Click on the three lines and choose to raise a pastoral/bullying concern under the parents heading. These concerns are reviewed by the senior team and allocated to the most appropriate member of staff to investigate and communicate with parents.

Online Safety Support for Parents/ Carers (All Parents/ Carers)

Sign up for The National College for free and view a wide range of resources and videos to support your family with online safety. To do this, follow the link below:

Sign up tutorial video - <https://help.nationalcollege.com/parent-walkthrough>

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Yours sincerely,

Chris Drew
Interim Headteacher