

2026 HALF-TERM 5

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GCSE Season Starts

- Our lovely Y11 students are embarking on their GCSE's and we kicked off last week with our GCSE revision schedule. This year has been another record breaker in the terms of additional support and preparation we have given both students and families. During the next few weeks, our revision schedule will be in place where teachers of Y11 prepare students before they go into each exam. Because of this there will be some minor changes to the timetable to allow for this period.

Continued Building Upgrades and Investment

- We have now completed the 1-million-pound heating installation that includes heat sourced pumps, 21st Century heating system and solar generators. This was part of a national bid scheme, and we are lucky to have received this. We apologise for any disruptions caused during the latter stages of last year.

Impact Education Trust Growth

- We are pleased to announce the official welcome of Manor Road Academy, formerly known as Golcar Junior, Infant and Nursery School, into our Trust. This follows previous communication regarding the further expansion of our trust with Pennine Academies Yorkshire, covering 18 academies and serving over 8,200 pupils. This is exciting news as our Trust further develops and brings more expertise together as one family.



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Standards & Expectations

High Expectations

- As we continue to keep and further develop our high expectations and pride, we have made some very difficult decisions this year and said goodbye to any students that seriously breach our expectations and behaviour policy. This includes any persistent negative behaviour and/or any behaviour inside or outside the school that brings our Academy into disrepute.

Attendance

- We currently sit in the top schools locally for attendance and above national measures. This is testament to the fantastic buy-in from our families and the high quality support and care by our Pastoral Team. Expectations from home and from school about the importance of attending school should continue to ensure achievement is had and college places are given.

Uniform

- Our summer uniform ([see letter here](#)) has gone down well and students have taken advantage of our (summer term only) polo shirt option. Students are permitted to wear black tailored or smart shorts (NOT football shorts, swim shorts, combat shorts or any shorts with logos and/or modifications) and knee-length skirts with or without tights.

New Staff

We have welcomed a number of new staff to our Pastoral Team recently. For clarification the allocated staff are noted below. Names in black show the current structure and names in red text are for next year.

- Y7 – Ms Gaye (Ms Hallworth)
- Y8 – Mr Narey (Ms Gaye)
- Y9 – Ms Carr/Ms Carter (Mr Narey)
- Y10 – Ms Fletcher (Ms Carr)
- Y11 – Ms Carr (Ms Fletcher)
- Assistant Head of Year - Ms Ambreen (Focus on KS3 interventions)
- Pastoral Support Officers: Mr Holmes & Ms Harling
- Attendance Officer: Ms Sykes
- PDBA Lead: Ms Carter



Mobile Phone Expectations

Following the Government expectations for Headteachers regarding mobile phones in schools, it is important that families fully understand our clear rules on this. Our rules are very clear: **No phones are to be used in or on the school grounds.**

- See Government notice [here](#).
- See our Mobile Phone Policy [here](#).
- See our Behaviour Policy [here](#).

Families are to fully understand that there are no circumstances where a child can freely use and call home – this is to be done through school communication only.





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Achievement

KEY STAGE 4

Years 10 & 11



- **Year 11** have now started their GCSE exam season. Families are to refer to the information shared and the schedules in place for the next few weeks [here](#).
- **Year 10** will have an important event on Monday 11th May – going through work experience arrangements and important GCSE preparation information.
- **Year 10** will have important mocks at the end of this year.
- **Year 10** - Your child's GCSE targets will be shared over the next couple of weeks. This will also be discussed on Monday 11th May.

KEY STAGE 3

Years 7, 8, 9



- Year 9 have chosen their GCSE options. More information will follow to ensure families fully understand each course.
- Year 8 will be receiving early information on the types of GCSE subjects that are available to them.
- Year 7 will have completed their first year of KS3 and will be taking end of year assessments in the summer term. **Y7 Progress Evening is on Thursday 14th May 4:30pm-6:30pm.**

TRANSITION

Incoming Year 6



- Over 160 students are to join us in September – expected to be one of our biggest cohorts.
- We hold additional Transition for any vulnerable students.
- Our Transition Day for all new joiners is on Tuesday 7th July.



Key Dates

Year 7 Progress Evening is on Thursday 14th May 4:30pm-6:30pm.

Last day of Half-Term 5 is Friday 22nd May.

Year 6 Transition Day is Tuesday 7th July.

Last day of Half-Term 6 is Friday 17th July.

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