

24 April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: New School Building - end of summer term and start of new school year

I write to update you on the plans for the move to our new school building in September 2025.

Work on the new building is progressing well. All internal walls and doors have now been fitted. This term our builders, B&K, will be installing specialist equipment in our science laboratories, Design and Technology rooms and ICT suites. In the next half term, they will laying the final carpet of our full sized 4G football pitch.

Last term students from our student council visited the site, and they were incredibly excited with the progress that has been made. Our Senior Leadership Team visited the site to consider how the building will operate. Along with our Heads of Department, we are currently allocating classrooms and putting the finishing touches to how we will move.

As I am sure you will appreciate, moving all equipment, materials, staff and students from two sites to our new home is a significant logistical operation. To support this, I want to inform parents on some adjustments to the final week of the summer term which will allow our staff the time they need to prepare for the move into the new building. Please note the following:

- **Wednesday 16 July** will be the final day for students to be on site. Students will be dismissed on site from 12.30pm.
- **Thursday 17 July** is a day where students will be working from home. Staff will spend this day completing the packing of equipment.

Work for Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning will be set on our online platforms including Teams, Dr Frost and Carousel.

- **Friday 18 July** is the first day of the summer holiday.

The term will start on **Thursday 4 September** for students in Years 7 and 12.

The term will start on **Friday 5 September** for all other year groups.

I will write you towards then end of term about the exact arrangements for these days.

We are currently planning a time in the new term where all families will have the opportunity to visit our new school building and see what their child is experiencing. I will write to you closer to the time about these exact arrangements.

As we, as staff, start to plan our move, parents and students should also be planning any adjustments to their travel plans, such that students arrive on time to school. The only entrance to the building will be via Brunswick Park Road. We hope that families will consider planning journeys which include:

- Walking to school
- Cycling to school
- Which bus routes students can take.
- 'Ride and Stride', meaning students who are being driven to school are dropped off a distance away from the school to reduce congestion in the local area and to promote healthy living habits

Thank you to all families who have wished the school well over this half term; it has been lovely to speak to so many of you and sense your excitement too. I look forward to writing to you shortly about more news about our new site.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, appearing to read 'C Martin'.

Mr Martin