



18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well as we begin the summer break. This academic year has certainly been a busy one, and, yet here we are at the end of it! We have had a truly wonderful year at Teesdale School and Sixth Form, there have been many highlights, including students performing at The Glass House, activities week, Years 10 and 12 work experience and many trips and visits to name but a few.

Please find below some useful information for you and your child heading into our summer break.

**Results days:**

During the summer break, there are two important dates on our calendars – A level and GCSE results days.

While more information will be shared nearer the time, as a reminder, results days are:

Thursday 14 August 2025	A level results day
Thursday 21 August 2025	GCSE results day

As part of GCSE results day, there will be our sixth form enrolment, and many staff on hand to support students in their next steps.

**Arrangements for the start of the autumn term:**

- **Tuesday 2 September 2025:** PD Day for staff. Students are not in school on this day.
- **Wednesday 3 September 2025:** all students return to school and must be on site for the 8:40am morning bell, this includes all of Years 12 and 13.

On Wednesday 3 September, additional staff will be on hand to direct all students to the right place, especially our new Year 7 students.

Our new Year 7 students will be met and greeted and directed to the entrance into the Vibrancy area. Staff will be on hand to then direct them to the main hall for their welcome assembly. They will not be expected to bring their PE kit on the first day. Year 12 students should go directly to the sixth form study centre.

There will be an extended form time for all students so they can meet their tutors and get their timetables. There will be assemblies for all year groups on the first morning back. All students will begin 'normal' lessons as of period 2.

Whole school photographs are booked in for Thursday 25 September 2025.

**School uniform:**

All students are expected to be in full school uniform from the beginning of the autumn term. Our school uniform is an important expression of pride in our school and promotes equality and a sense of community. As a Trust, we are committed to ensuring value for money with school uniform and, therefore, undertake all expected and appropriate checks to ensure that it is as cost effective as possible. We are also mindful that we are in a transition period between the 'old' and 'new' style uniform.

Our interim uniform policy and expectations can be found on our school website via the link below.

[55666-teesdale-interim-uniform-policy-may-2025.pdf](#)

Some aspects we would like to emphasise are:

- If students attend school wearing uniform that fall below our expectations, we will support them by loaning appropriate uniform items. Our expectation is that students will 'swap' a personal item, such as a mobile phone, to ensure they return the borrowed item at the end of the day.
- Students can wear one small plain stud in each earlobe. No other jewellery, including bracelets, rings or nose piercings, are permitted. Students wearing a nose stud will be expected to remove this.
- False, gel or acrylic nails are not permitted.
- False eyelashes are not permitted.
- Footwear should be plain black, formal leather or leather style. No trainers, plimsolls, pumps or boots are acceptable. Examples of acceptable footwear can be found within the content of this letter.
- Students should wear an appropriate coat to school in colder or wetter weather (any colour coat is permitted). These should be taken off on entry to classrooms. Hoodies must not be worn under blazers.

Students should bring their PE kit to school with them in a separate bag on the days they have PE; they will use the changing rooms to change for PE lessons. Please note that not all of the PE kit is compulsory. Again, this is clarified on the school's website.

**Sixth form students** are expected to wear **smart dress**. We ask our students to be mindful that we are in a professional environment. Therefore, we do not allow crop tops, short shorts, ripped jeans or tight-fitting gym wear.

#### **Mobile phones and smart watches:**

Mobile phones and smart watches may not be used in school. If a student chooses to have these items in their bag, then they must remain switched off / in silent mode and not be seen or used during the school day. Should one of these items be confiscated, then it will be kept until the end of the school day.

#### **Equipment for school:**

All students should have the following equipment for school and for every lesson:

- a bag big enough to hold A4 folder / A4 exercise book (backpack styles are recommended to ensure the weight of the bag is evenly distributed on the back)
- a black writing pen, e.g. a Bic biro which is sturdy and tends not to 'pop' (spares would also be very useful)
- Casio scientific calculator (Casio FX83 or FX85 recommended)
- ruler – 15cm (6 ins)
- HB Pencil (with some spares)
- a rubber
- a pencil case big enough to store their equipment.

Optional: glue stick, yellow highlighter, green pen.

Students are also able to purchase items using their EASI reward points via Student Services at the beginning of each day.

#### **Lunch arrangements:**

Within our school lunch offer, most special dietary requirements can be catered for. If your child has any specific concerns, we ask that you contact the school to discuss these at the start of term.

Prices remain fixed for September £2.80 for a meal deal, subject to a review of anticipated inflation costs, in the autumn term. Therefore, we ask that you ensure that your child has sufficient money on their accounts to purchase food/drink. Students can, of course, bring in a packed lunch. We ask that parents/carers ensure their child's packed lunch contains a healthy balance of items. Please remember that energy / fizzy drinks and any product containing nuts is not allowed in school.

Further information will be shared on our return with regards to a Y7 and Y10 information event for parents/carers to attend and also events for parents/carers whose children are SEND to attend. On that note, we were really pleased with the engagement from parents at our SEND coffee morning this week – thank you for your support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers, students and staff for all of their support and hard work to ensure the school continues to grow from strength to strength as we move forward together.

On a final note, and on behalf of all the staff at Teesdale School and Sixth Form, I would like to wish all of our students and their families a safe and restful summer break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Zaheer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Mr H Zaheer**  
**Head of School**

Examples of **acceptable** school footwear



Examples of **unacceptable** school footwear

