

30th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Main Gate

Please note the school gates will be closed on **Wednesday 6th May from 8.35am** for cars. Students will, therefore, need to be dropped off in advance of this time or at Hale Road gate and walk up to school.

Highway to Hale – Rock & Pop Evening

Last night's *Highway to Hale* Rock and Pop Evening was a fantastic celebration of music-making at Richard Hale. The performances were energetic, confident, and consistently of a very high standard, reflecting the talent and dedication of our students. It was also a wonderful opportunity for them to perform in a professional external venue.

The event brought together students from all year groups, and as always, it is so lovely to see how well they supported and encouraged one another throughout the evening, creating such a positive and collaborative atmosphere.

Thank you to all the bands who took part, and to the many parents and family members who came along to support them. Your encouragement truly makes a difference. We are also very grateful to the technical team at the Corn Exchange and staff volunteers, who ensured the evening ran smoothly and professionally throughout.

Events like this provide a valuable platform to showcase the breadth of musical talent across the school, and we are already looking forward to our next event in the summer. Please save the date: **Tuesday 7th July**. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of music at Richard Hale.

KS3 Maths Homework Support

We are pleased to remind parents and carers of our Lunchtime Homework Club, designed to support students who may occasionally find it challenging to complete homework at home or attend afterschool sessions. This supportive and welcoming space gives students the opportunity to catch up, ask for help, and build confidence in their learning - particularly in maths.

The sessions run as follows:

- **Year 7:** Tuesdays, Room L
- **Year 8:** Wednesdays, Room L

We understand that students can face a variety of challenges when it comes to completing homework, and this provision is intended as a positive and encouraging opportunity - not a sanction. Our aim is to help students stay on track, develop good study habits, and feel supported in their progress. We warmly encourage students who would benefit from a little extra time or guidance to attend.

Parent Survey

Final reminder for responses to the parent survey, deadline is tomorrow, Friday 1st May. Thank you to everyone who has responded so far.

<https://forms.gle/HMzeDRTyxVfrhFyE6>

Information form Hertfordshire Constabulary

Please see below a letter we have been asked to share with parents:

Dear Headteacher

As the summer holiday approaches, Hertfordshire Constabulary would be grateful for your assistance in notifying parents of a current concern over children using catapults, possibly in response to social media. There has been an increase in the number of reports received relating to animals and wildlife being targeted, injured or damaged by objects fired from catapults.

While carrying a catapult is not a criminal offence, its use may lead to criminal liability depending on the circumstances, for example under:

- *Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (intentionally killing or injuring any wild bird);*
- *Section 4 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 (causing an animal to suffer);*
- *Section 1 of the Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996 (causing unnecessary suffering to any wild mammal);*
- *Section 1 of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953 (unlawfully having any offensive weapon in a public place, meaning any article made or adapted for use for causing injury to a person, or intended to do so); and*
- *Section 1 of the Criminal Damage Act 1971 (intentionally or recklessly damaging property)*

Hertfordshire Police would like the following advice to be passed on to parents.

1. *Dissuade your children from leaving home with a catapult.*
2. *Explain to your children that using a catapult to cause damage or harm is a criminal offence.*
3. *If you wish to dispose of a catapult, contact the Rural Operational Support Team (ROST) who will be able to assist by email at ROST@herts.police.uk*

Please forward this letter accordingly. We are grateful for your assistance in this matter.

*Kind regards,
Rural Operational Support Team, Hertfordshire Police*

Ian Hawkins
Headteacher

May 2026 Calendar

Friday 1 st	A Level Art Exam
Monday 4 th	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 5 th	A Level Art Exam Year 7 Parents Evening
Wednesday 6 th	BTEC Exams start GCSE Exams start Year 12 Exams End
Monday 11 th	A Level Exams start
Friday 15 th	BTEC Exams end Year 10 Geography Field Trip 1 – Epping Forest
Saturday 16 th	Year 6 Treasure Hunt
Monday 18 th	French Language Trip to the 22 nd
Wednesday 20 th	Year 12 Geography Trip, Bath to the 22 nd
Monday 25 th	Half Term Week

June 2026 Calendar

Monday 1 st	Return to school
Tuesday 2 nd	Year 10 History Trip – Tower of London
Thursday 4 th	Year 10 Parents Evening
Tuesday 9 th	Year 10 & 12 Geology Trip, Cornwall to the 12 th
Monday 15 th	GCSE Exams End Year 10 MFL Mock Speaking Exams week
Tuesday 16 th	D&T Rotary Club Competition
Wednesday 17 th	Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 18 th	Year 10 English Exam
Friday 19 th	A Level Exams End Year 10 DofE Practice Expedition to the 21 st
Sunday 21 st	Year 7 Trip to Bude to the 26 th
Tuesday 23 rd	Sixth Form Induction
Wednesday 24 th	Sixth Form Induction
Friday 26 th	District Athletics
Monday 29 th	Biology Field Trip – Day 1
Tuesday 30 th	Year 6 New Parents Evening HPV Vaccinations Biology Field Trip – Day 2

July 2026 Calendar

Wednesday 1 st	Biology Field Trip – Day 3
Thursday 2 nd	Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 Tutor Meetings
Friday 3 rd	Year 10 Geography Field Trip 2 – Stratford
Tuesday 7 th	Summer Concert Art Exhibition – Private view
Wednesday 8 th	Art Exhibition

Thursday 9 th	Year 6 Intake Day Year 8 Work Shadowing
Monday 13 th	Year 12 Work Experience Week
Wednesday 15 th	Junior Production
Friday 17 th	Non-Uniform Day Academic Year ends and school finishes at 12.30

Weeks

Monday 27 th Apr	Week 1
Tuesday 5 th May	Week 2
Monday 11 th May	Week 1
Monday 18 th May	Week 2
Monday 25 th May	Half Term Week
Monday 1 st June	Week 1
Monday 8 th June	Week 2
Monday 15 th June	Week 1
Monday 22 nd June	Week 2
Monday 29 th June	Week 1
Monday 6 th July	Week 2
Monday 13 th July	Week 1