18th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Cricket

It has been another busy and enjoyable cricket season so far, with pupils across all year groups representing the school with enthusiasm, commitment and excellent sportsmanship.

Year 7 and 8 teams faced some strong opposition in the County cup, despite a number of challenging fixtures, Year 7's unfortunately lost to Haberdashers, but showed great determination and resilience. The Year 8 squad celebrated notable victories against Lochinver in the County Cup and then falling short to Aldwickbury in the next round. Both 7's and 8's are doing really well in the District Cup and hoping their form will continue throughout.

Year 9 have enjoyed a particularly successful campaign so far, recording impressive wins against Tring, Kings Langley and St Edmund's, and they are now in the semi-finals of the County Plate against Simon Balle. We are wishing them the best of luck. They have been superb all season in all fixtures showing great commitment.

Year 10 also enjoyed some success in Calypso cricket winning it and doing well in the District Cup.

Beyond the results, it has been wonderful to see so many pupils embracing the game, supporting one another and representing the school with pride. The season so far has provided valuable opportunities for players to develop their skills, build confidence and enjoy competitive cricket.

Junior Production 2026: Grimm Tales by Philip Pullman

We are thrilled to invite you to this year's highly anticipated Junior Production. Students in Years 7, 8, and 9 have been working incredibly hard and are busy rehearsing to bring Philip Pullman's brilliant adaptation of Grimm Tales to life.

What is Grimm Tales?

Forget the sanitised, happily-ever-after stories you think you know. Philip Pullman's *Grimm Tales* goes back to the roots of the original fairy tales, serving up a world of magic, mystery, and menace. It is a fast-paced, enchanting, and utterly gripping theatrical experience - filled with deliciously dark twists, sharp humour, and turns that will keep you on the edge of your seat!

Our talented young cast and crew will be performing for one night only, and they would love your support.

Performance Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday, 15th July 2026
- **Time:** 7:00 PM
- **Location:** The Main Hall
- **Tickets:** £5.00 each (Available to purchase now via **Arbor**)

Tickets are limited, so please secure yours early to avoid disappointment. Come along, support our wonderful students, and rediscover the magic of these classic, twisted tales.

Summer Concert – Music Around the World

Join us for an evening of music at our annual Summer Concert, featuring this year's exciting "Music Around the World" theme. Our talented students will take you on a musical journey across different styles and cultures with performances from our Choir, Steel Pans, Samba Group, String Group and Concert Band, alongside a range of energetic bands and impressive solo performances.

The concert is planned to take place outdoors (weather permitting), and families are welcome to bring their own outdoor chairs or picnic seating for extra comfort.

Refreshments will also be available on the evening for purchase, kindly provided by the Parents' Association.

We hope you will join us for what promises to be a memorable evening and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the musical talents of our students.

Concert Details:

- **Date:** Tuesday 7th July 2026
- **Time:** 6:30PM
- **Location:** Outside weather permitting
- **Tickets:** £5.00 each (Available to purchase now via **Arbor**). Siblings are welcome to attend free of charge.

Amber Health Alert

As you may already be aware, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have issued an amber heat-health alert warning for the East of England covering Friday 19th June and into the next week.

Consequently, we have decided to allow boys in year 7-10 to wear their Richard Hale P.E. kit to school tomorrow, Friday 19th June, and for the rest of next week. As a reminder this is:

• blue polo shirt with RHS crest
• white shorts / white socks / non-marking trainers

Boys in the sixth form may wear a polo shirt rather than a shirt and tie. While there is no specific guidance for girls, they should of course dress appropriately for the heat and a professional environment.

Please ensure your child applies sunscreen before school and brings with them a large water bottle which can be refilled at break and lunch.

With temperatures forecast to return to seasonal norms the following week, we will expect all students to be back in uniform on the week beginning 29th June. For boys in all years, this is a shirt and tie with blazers remaining voluntary.

Thank you as always for your on-going support.

DofE Expedition

The DofE Practice Expedition this weekend is still taking place and parents are asked to read the information previously circulated from Wildside which includes advice on hot weather conditions.

Information from the Director of Public Health - Measles

Please see below a letter from the Director of Public Health which we have been asked to share with parents.

Dear Parent, Carer

The number of children with measles has increased since the start of the year, with most cases in unvaccinated children aged 10 years and under. Measles is a very infectious illness which can make children very unwell and sometimes leads to serious complications. Sadly, two children in England have died from measles in 2026.

In Hertfordshire we have had outbreaks of measles in some of our schools and cases of measles are increasing. I am therefore asking that parents take the following actions:

- *Check your child's red book or the NHS App to make sure your child is up to date with their vaccinations.*
- *If your child has missed one or both doses of MMR, please contact your GP practice to arrange an appointment.*

- *You can also contact your local Community & School Aged Immunisation Service who run vaccination sessions for all ages. Details can be found here:*

https://www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/hertfordshire-and-east-anglia-community-and-school-age-immunisations-35 /

- *If your child is ill and you are worried it might be measles, check symptoms of measles here: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles. If you need help, please phone your GP or 111 and follow their advice.*

An alternative vaccine is available for those who want to avoid pork products. You can find out about this when booking an appointment. The MMR vaccination is safe and free in the NHS and highly effective in protecting children from three serious diseases, Measles, Mumps and Rubella."

Yours faithfully

Sarah Perman
Director of Public Health
Hertfordshire County Council

Ian Hawkins
Headteacher

June 2026 Calendar

Friday 19th	A Level Exams End Year 10 DofE Practice Expedition to the 21st
Sunday 21st	Year 7 Trip to Bude to the 26th
Tuesday 23rd	Sixth Form Induction
Wednesday 24th	Sixth Form Induction
Friday 26th	District Athletics
Monday 29th	Biology Field Trip – Day 1
Tuesday 30th	Year 6 New Parents Evening HPV Vaccinations Biology Field Trip – Day 2

July 2026 Calendar

Wednesday 1st	Biology Field Trip – Day 3
Thursday 2nd	Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 Tutor Meetings Year 9 Careers Workshops
Friday 3rd	Year 10 Geography Field Trip 2 – Stratford Year 9 Careers Workshops
Tuesday 7th	Summer Concert Art Exhibition – Private view
Wednesday 8th	Art Exhibition
Thursday 9th	Year 6 Intake Day Year 8 Work Shadowing
Monday 13th	Year 12 Work Experience Week
Wednesday 15th	Junior Production
Friday 17th	Non-Uniform Day Academic Year ends and school finishes at 12.30

August 2026 Calendar

Thursday 13th	A Level Results Day
Thursday 20th	GCSE Results Day

September 2026 Calendar

Tuesday 1st	Inset Day – school closed to students
Wednesday 2nd	Year 7 Only Return
Thursday 3rd	Whole School Returns

Weeks

Monday 22nd June	Week 2
Monday 29th June	Week 1
Monday 6th July	Week 2
Monday 13th July	Week 1