

25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the students for their work this week under hot conditions. With one day to go, hopefully temperatures will return to a more normal level next week!

### **Richard Hale Art Exhibition 2026**

We are delighted to invite you to our annual Art Exhibition Private View on Tuesday 7th July at 7.00pm in the Art Department.

The exhibition will showcase a selection of GCSE and A Level artwork, celebrating the creativity, dedication and achievements of our students. Visitors attending the Summer Concert will also have the opportunity to explore the exhibition during the interval.

This year's exhibition features a talented group of young artists, with a diverse and inspiring collection of work on display. From thought-provoking concepts to visually striking creations, there is something to engage every visitor. The exhibition includes an eclectic range of media, including sculpture, film, digital art, painting and drawing, exploring a wide variety of fascinating themes and ideas.

Artwork and prints will be available to purchase.

### **Music Department – Two opportunities to help your money go further!**

We are pleased to highlight two opportunities that may be of interest to families of music students.

**Instrument Loan** The school has a range of instruments available for loan for a low termly charge of £25. This can be particularly helpful for students in the early stages of wanting to learn an instrument, without the immediate commitment of purchasing an instrument. While students do not need to be receiving instrumental lessons in school to access this, we do expect that they are actively involved in school music groups and ensembles.

**Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme (AIPS)** For those ready to invest in their own instrument, the Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme offers a significant financial benefit, allowing families to purchase instruments net of 20% VAT. This represents a substantial saving. The scheme is available to students who attend a maintained or academy school and are receiving instrumental lessons.

If you would like further information about either scheme, please contact the Music Department on [zbu@richardhale.co.uk](mailto:zbu@richardhale.co.uk)

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **District Sports**

Having reviewed the weather forecast from the Met office and taking advice from the DfE and Lea Valley Schools Sports Association the District Athletics Championships has been cancelled. The LVSSA has to take in the welfare of both staff and students on a day when athletes and officials would be subject to extreme heat over a prolonged period of time. In the interest of

student's safety, it was felt that then Championship should not proceed. Hopefully a lot of athletes will be involved in the remaining competitions scheduled for the remainder of the term.

### Year 6 Student News

Congratulations to Mason Barnaby, who will be joining the School in September and has been selected to represent the Great Britain baseball team (U12) at the European Championships in Paris this July. Despite playing almost two age groups above, he has been selected as the starting catcher, which is a fantastic reflection of the hard work, commitment, and dedication he has shown in his training and development. The team will compete in a week-long tournament starting on 6<sup>th</sup> July, in Pool A alongside France, Germany, and the Czech Republic, who are considered some of the strongest teams in European baseball. We would like to wish Mason well and look forward to hearing more in September.

### Arriva Bus Travel

Please see below information from Arriva regarding student bus travel. Any queries should be directed to [talktous@arriva.co.uk](mailto:talktous@arriva.co.uk)

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Ian Hawkins

**Headteacher**

### June 2026 Calendar

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	District Athletics
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Biology Field Trip – Day 1
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 New Parents Evening Biology Field Trip – Day 2

### July 2026 Calendar

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Biology Field Trip – Day 3
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 Tutor Meetings Year 9 Careers Workshops
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 10 Geography Field Trip 2 – Stratford Year 9 Careers Workshops
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Concert

	Art Exhibition – Private view
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Intake Day Year 8 Work Shadowing
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Work Experience Week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Production
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day <b>Academic Year ends and school finishes at 12.30</b>

### August 2026 Calendar

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	A Level Results Day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	GCSE Results Day

### September 2026 Calendar

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

### Weeks

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Week 1
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Week 2
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Week 1

