

9th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Transition Day

It was good to welcome our new students to the School today. They had a fantastic day, going to lessons, having lunch and getting a feel for life at secondary school. We look forward to them officially joining us in September.

Celebrating creativity at Richard Hale

It was a pleasure to welcome families, friends and visitors to this year's Richard Hale Art Exhibition. The Private View on Tuesday provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the outstanding work produced by our GCSE and A Level Art students. The exhibition reflected many months of dedication, with students developing ideas through research, sketchbooks, experimentation and refinement before producing their final pieces. The breadth of creativity on display was impressive, with work spanning a wide range of styles, themes and media. Visitors explored everything from mysterious imagined alien landscapes to thought-provoking pieces examining immigration and the injustices faced by communities around the world. These powerful and personal responses demonstrated not only exceptional artistic skill but also the empathy, curiosity and social awareness that mean so much to our students and are at the heart of a Richard Hale education. Congratulations to all of the students who exhibited their work and to our prize winners on their well-deserved recognition.

This year's exhibition also marked the final exhibition for Mr Payne, who is leaving Richard Hale School after 16 years. His enthusiasm, expertise and commitment to the Art Department have inspired countless students, and we thank him for his outstanding contribution to school life. We wish him every success and happiness in the future.

Exciting News from the Music Department

From September, Concert Band will officially become the Richard Hale Orchestra (RHO).

This change reflects the fantastic range of talented musicians we have across the school. With woodwind, brass, strings, percussion and more performing together, the new name better represents the diverse and inclusive ensemble we have become and welcomes musicians of all orchestral instruments.

If you play an instrument and would like to be part of a friendly, ambitious group that performs at concerts and school events throughout the year, we would love to hear from you.

For more information or to find out how to join, please speak to a member of the Music Department. We cannot wait to welcome new players in September.

Also..

Good luck to all of our students taking their ABRSM music examinations this Saturday. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, dedication and commitment you have shown in preparing

for your exams. We wish you every success and hope you enjoy the opportunity to showcase all that you have achieved. Best of luck.

Student News

Congratulations to Benji Garrod, Year 9, who, with his younger sister, recently took on a swimming challenge to raise much needed funds for Cancer Research UK. They both managed to swim over 21km during the month of May and have already raised £2,555. Anyone wishing to make a donation please use the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/popyandbenji>



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:** If England reach the World Cup semi- final, the performance will start at **5.45pm**, if not the performance will start at 7:00 PM as originally planned
- **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.

Ian Hawkins
Headteacher

July 2026 Calendar

Monday 13 th	Year 12 Work Experience Week
Wednesday 15 th	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations Junior Production
Friday 17 th	Non-Uniform Day Academic Year ends and school finishes at 12.30

August 2026 Calendar

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

September 2026 Calendar

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

Weeks

Monday 13 th July	Week 1
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