17th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Drama Workshop

A-Level Drama students were very pleased to be invited to a 'Spendid Theatre' devising workshop at Queenswood School last Friday. The students were delighted to work alongside Kerry Frampton from Splendid and created exceptional collaborative performances, exploring the themes of moon landings and space travel. The students said the workshop was 'out of this world'. The creativity, imagination and teamwork on display were truly impressive.

Open Evenings

I give below details of the Open Evenings:

- Monday 28th September - School will finish at 12.30pm. Our open evening takes place 6.00pm to 8.30pm.

- Tuesday 29th September - School is closed during the day for staff training. Our second open evening takes place from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.

- Wednesday 30th September - Normal school day.

A letter has been emailed to parents with further details on the open evening arrangements for students.

Trip Letters

A letter with details of next June's Bude trip for Year 7 is being finalised and we hope to be able to send this home next week.

Letters for the 2028 junior ski trip will be available for collection from Reception next week. This trip is open to current members of Years 7, 8 and 9 and boys will be informed when the letters are available.

Parents of students in Year 7 are requested to prioritise the Bude trip as payments for both trips will be due at similar times.

Letters are also due to be sent with details of next summer's French and German language trips. There trips will be open for students in Years 9 and 10.

Please find below the link to the page on our website which gives details of approximate costs for trips this year to help parents with planning their finances.

https://richardhale.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Website-Trip-List-for-Parents.pdf

Replacement Phone Pouches

If you need to purchase a replacement mobile phone pouch, these are now available on the Arbor shop. They can then be collected from Reprographics either before school or at break time.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a part-time Physics Technician. The postholder will be responsible for coordinating the use of practical resources for the Physics department. Previous experience of working as a technician would be beneficial and a minimum of GSCE Physics at grade A*-C (9-5) is required. The position is for 25 hours per week term time plus 1 week, working pattern negotiable and will be paid on H6 plus outer fringe.

Full details are available on the website here.

Ian Hawkins
Headteacher

September 2026 Calendar

Tuesday 22nd	Year 12 Parents Information Evening 6.30pm
Wednesday 23rd	Whole School Photograph
Monday 28th	School finishes at 12.30 Open Evening 6pm – 8.30pm
Tuesday 29th	Inset – School closed to students Open Evening 4pm – 6.30pm

October 2026 Calendar

Monday 5th	Year 12 Initial Tests throughout week
Thursday 8th	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Meetings
Tuesday 13th	Year 11 Revisions Workshops in school day and Parent Revision Presentation 6.30pm
Monday 19th	Bold Voices Presentation Years 7/9/11/13 Year 9 Exams to Friday 23rd October

Weeks

Monday 21st September	Week 2
Monday 28th September	Week 1
Monday 5th October	Week 2
Monday 12th October	Week 1
Monday 19th October	Week 2
Monday 26th October	HALF TERM WEEK