8th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 GCSE Revision Evening

A reminder that Year 11 parents and students are invited to a GCSE Revision Evening on Tuesday 13th October, from **6:00pm to 7:15pm** in the Main Hall.

The session features an external speaker sharing key insights into student workshops, alongside school advice on mock exams and summer 2027 preparation.

Parking is available at the front of the school and on the tennis courts. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Patterson on pt@richardhale.co.uk

Rugby Update

Year 7 Rugby - last Friday, our Year 7 teams recorded two fantastic victories against Aylesbury Grammar, continuing an excellent start to the rugby season. It has been a fantastic first half term for Year 7 Rugby, with more than 80 Year 7 students representing Richard Hale so far this season.

On Friday 9th October, three Year 7 teams will take on Hitchin Boys at Cheshunt RFC, with kick-off at 2:30pm. Parents are very welcome to come along and support the teams.

U12 – St Edmund's College Tournament Sat 10th October

We will be entering two U12 teams into the St Edmund's College Tournament.

- Arrival: 8:30am
- Approximate finish: 12:00pm

Saturday 10th October – Rugby Fixtures vs New Hall

We have taken another creative approach to this weekend's fixtures and would like to thank Datchworth RFC for kindly accommodating our U14 squad. There will be no U15 fixture this weekend, following our National Cup fixture against New Hall earlier this week.

Away – New Hall School (CM3 3HS)

- U13 A / B / C – 10:00am kick-off
- U17 – 9:30am kick-off
- 1st XV – 10:30am kick-off

Home – Datchworth RFC

- U14 – 10:00am kick-off

Recent Rugby Results

Thursday 1st October – U14 National Cup - Richard Hale 29 – 24 Bishop's Stortford College
Tuesday 6th October – U15 Schools Cup, 1st Round - Richard Hale 76 – 10 New Hall

Saturday 3rd October – Results vs QE Barnet

- 1st XV – Won 24–7

- U15 – Won 46–0
- U13A – Won 11–3
- U13B – Lost 3–4

A huge thank you to Cheshunt RFC for hosting our Saturday block against QE Barnet. It was a fantastic morning of back-to-back school rugby, with excellent support from the sidelines. It was particularly pleasing to see students from all year groups supporting one another and creating a brilliant atmosphere throughout the morning.

2027/2028 Term Dates

We have published our term dates for the academic year beginning September 2027 and they are available on our website at this link: ACADEMIC YEAR 2027/2028

Junior Ski Trip 2028

The deadline for applications for the 2028 junior ski trip is tomorrow. This trip is open to current members of Years 7, 8 & 9 and the link for applications is:

https://forms.gle/kxGN59d9Y9PNYxaM8.

Parent Trustee Nominations

Further to the letter of the 28th September 2026 regarding the Parent Trustee vacancy, can I please remind you that the deadline for nominations is Monday 19th October at 4.00pm.

Secondhand Uniform Sale

Please come along to the school's secondhand uniform sale on Saturday 10th October and search through our large collection of blazers, jumpers and PE kits for your perfect uniform replacements at bargain prices. The sale will take place in the Drama Studio (near the tennis courts) from 9.30am TO 12.00pm. Cash only please. All proceeds will go to the school.

Transport For Hertfordshire

Please see below the link to a survey we have been asked to share by Transport for Hertfordshire concerning 20mph in Hertford.

Parts of Hertford are already 20mph, we're now asking schools, residents and businesses whether they would like more lower speed limits across the area.

A short online survey is live at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/20mph to enable the community to share their views. The survey closes on Sunday 8 November 2026.

Filming at Hertford County Hall/ Traffic Management

Please find attached a letter concerning filming at County Hall and traffic management systems that will be in place.

Ian Hawkins
Headteacher

October 2026 Calendar

Thursday 8th	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Meetings
Tuesday 13th	Year 11 Revisions Workshops in school day and Parent Revision Presentation 6.00pm
Monday 19th	Bold Voices Presentation Years 7/9/11/13 Year 9 Exams to Friday 23rd October

November 2026 Calendar

Monday 2nd	Return to school
Tuesday 3rd	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 11th	Remembrance Ceremony Sixth Form Open Evening
Monday 16th	Flu Vaccinations GCSE MFL Mock Writing Tests for the week
Thursday 19th	EPQ Presentation Evening
Monday 23rd	Year 13 Politics Conference, London
Wednesday 25th	House Plays 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Thursday 26th	House Plays 6.30pm – 9.00pm

December 2026 Calendar

Tuesday 1st	Year 11 Bronze DofE Presentation Evening 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 2nd	Year 13 Economics Conference, London
Thursday 3rd	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 4th	Occasional Day – School Closed
Monday 7th	Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams through to the 17th
Friday 11th	Staff & Sixth Form Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14th	Year 12 & 13 Geology trip to Natural History Museum
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17th	Presentation evening 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Friday 18th	Founders & White Gloves School finishes at 12.30pm

January 2027 Calendar

Monday 4th	Return to school

Weeks

Monday 5th October	Week 2
Monday 12th October	Week 1
Monday 19th October	Week 2
Monday 26th October	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday 2nd November	Week 1
Monday 9th November	Week 2
Monday 16th November	Week 1
Monday 23rd November	Week 2
Monday 30th November	Week 1

Monday 7th December	Week 2
Monday 14th December	Week 1
Monday 4th January	Week 2