

8th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the Summer Term, I always share with parents and carers some key dates and events for the new academic year. Below is some information from this letter for Year 7 parents and carers to support your preparation for the new school year.

Autumn Term Start Dates

Year 7 and 11 pupils will return to school for the start of the Autumn Term on Thursday 3rd September at 08:35am.

Year 8, 9 and 10 pupils will return to school for the start of the Autumn Term on Monday 7th September at 08:35am.

Term Dates 2026-2027

Term Dates are also available on our school website.

Autumn 1	Thurs 3rd Sept 2026 - Fri 23rd Oct 2026
Autumn 2	Mon 2nd Nov 2026 - Fri 18th Dec 2026
Spring 1	Tues 5th Jan 2027 - Fri 12th Feb 2027
Spring 2	Mon 22nd Feb 2027 - Thurs 25th Mar 2027
Summer 1	Mon 12th Apr 2027 - Fri 28th May 2027
Summer 2	Mon 7th Jun 2027 - Fri 16th Jul 2027
Academy closed for teacher training	Tuesday 1st September 2026 Wednesday 2nd September 2027 Monday 4th January 2027 Friday 22nd January 2027 Friday 12th March 2027 Monday 19th – Weds 21st July 2027

Principal: Miss L Taylor

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Progress Evenings and Events 2026-2027

Details of how to register for these events will be shared on our school Arbor app in the new year.

Year 7	Year 7 Settling In Evening Thursday 24 th September 4:00 – 7:00pm – In School Progress Evening Thursday 19 th November 4:00 – 7:00pm – Online
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PE Days 2026-2027

All pupils are expected to come to school in their full uniform and get changed into PE kit for their PE lessons.

PE days will be:

	PE Day
Year 7	Monday

Uniform

The Hartshill Academy uniform is something all pupils are required to wear across the school. Ensuring all our pupils are wearing a smart and appropriate uniform helps to foster a sense of belonging and pride in them for their school. We appreciate your support to help us ensure all pupils are in the correct uniform and ready for lessons every day.

I have attached here the school uniform policy which I encourage you to read in full on the link below.

[Uniform | Parents | Hartshill Academy](#)

I wanted to draw your attention to expectations around footwear. All pupils must wear plain black, flat heeled, leather or leather look shoes. Boots can be worn under trousers. Trainers will not be permitted, aside from during PE lessons.

One pair of stud earrings are the only permitted piercings. If pupils have any other piercings these can only be clear plastic so they are not seen. All piercings and jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

From September 2026, all pupils will be required to change into their PE kits at school for their PE lessons. Pupils will otherwise be expected to be in their usual school uniform.

To support this change to our policy, as many of you will be aware, we have separate changing rooms for girls and boys in the main school building and at the Sports Hall. At the start of each PE lesson, pupils will register outside the changing rooms and have time to change before the lessons begin. Time will be allocated after each lesson for changing back into their school uniform. If pupils have PE at the end of the school day they will be able to leave in their PE kit if they choose to.

Pupils who have a sports practice or a fixture after school will need to bring their kit with them and get changed afterschool in the PE changing rooms before practice begins.

To support sustainable uniform use we have our Hartshill Academy page on the *Grown Out Of It* Website, an initiative that makes school uniforms more affordable, sustainable, and accessible for everyone at Hartshill Academy. This is a fantastic online platform that allows families to donate and purchase pre-loved school uniform. Our dedicated Hartshill Academy page can be found here: [Hartshill Academy Uniform Store](#).

School Day 2026-2027

School is open from 8:00am when pupils can meet in the Atrium.

Breakfast cereal and bagels are free and available to all pupils.

School gates close when the movement bell rings at 8.35am for pupils to move to lessons. Morning attendance mark is taken at 8.40am. It is very important that pupils arrive at school on time to be in class for the start of Period 1 at 8.40am. Any pupils who arrive after 8.40am will be met by the attendance team to register and a late detention will be issued for the same day.

Any pupils who arrive late before 9.10am will have a late mark. Any pupils who arrive after 9.10am will have a U code which is an absence mark for the morning session.

Afternoon attendance mark is taken at 12.05pm at the start of Period 4.

Equipment

Year 7 pupils will receive their free school bag on their first day in September. If the bag is lost or damaged new bags can be purchased via the Arbor app.

All pupils are expected to have the following equipment with them every day so they are ready and prepared for their lessons.

We recommend that pupils should have their own calculator as this allows them to learn how to use it properly in preparation for their exams. Pupils who do not have their own calculator will be able to borrow a school calculator in maths and science lessons. The calculators we recommend are the Casio fx-83GTX, Casio fx-85GTX, Casio fx-83CTW or Casio fx-85CTW.

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- ☐ **1** PENCIL CASE 
- ☐ **2** BLACK PEN x2 
- ☐ **3** GREEN PEN 
- ☐ **4** PENCIL 
- ☐ **5** 15cm RULER 
- ☐ **6** RUBBER 

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If you have any questions, please contact school on email enquiries@hartshillacademy.org.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Hartshill Academy in September and we wish you and your family a very happy summer.

Yours Sincerely,



Lorraine Taylor
Principal