

NRo/LHe

16 August 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you're enjoying the summer break – I thought this would be a good time to give you a short update on plans for the start of term, some important adjustments to our uniform policy and changes in our staffing.

Dates for next term

This September, the first two days of the new academic year are training days and closed to all students. The first day of term for students in years 5, 6, 7 and 8 is **Wednesday September 6th**.

Please remember that, from September, all staff and students will be on one site – the former upper school site on Acklington Road.

Students in all other year groups return on **Thursday September 7th**.

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that our uniform policy is adhered to. I know that you'll be stocking up on at least some new items over summer, so please refer to [the uniform page on our website](#) to ensure you buy the appropriate things. One major change is that we accept that, in the current financial climate, buying school-specific shoes can be a challenge for some families. We have, therefore, decided to amend our policy on shoes to include any all black, leather, polishable trainers such as Nike Air Force 1, Converse All Star Low and Vans. All of the shoe must be black, including the soles and branding. If you have any queries about what is and isn't acceptable, please get in touch with us before buying.

Staffing

Inevitably, at this time of year, we have some changes in our staffing for a variety of reasons.

During the summer term, Mrs Moir and Miss Kane left the English department and Mrs Whitelock and Miss Gair and Mrs Smith also left JCSC at the end of the year to take up new challenges.



After many years of dedicated service to JCSC and Coquet High School before that, Mrs Robinson begins her well-earned retirement this summer from her science technician post.

We thank all of our departing colleagues for their contribution to our school and wider community and wish them all the very best for the future.

In September we have several new members of staff joining us:

Mr Swift joins our year 5 team, Mr McGarry joins the maths department, Mrs Frith joins as our new performing arts teacher and we welcome Mr Williams to the humanities team.

Also Miss Maddison joins the art department, and Ms Joicey joins the English team

Miss Morley becomes second in English and will work closely with Mrs Symm to ensure this key subject continues to be a strength of our school.

Mrs Donohoe has been appointed as lead teacher for PSHE, and Mrs Mavin has been appointed as lead teacher for RE.

GCSE Results Days

Due to ongoing work on the Acklington Road site, the exam results will be distributed from the sports hall this year.

GCSE results day for Year 11 students and sixth form resits is **August 24th** from **10.00am**. There will be staff on hand to assist students in their choices when enrolling in our sixth form for September.

I hope that you continue to have a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and we look forward to seeing our returning and new students in September.

Best wishes



NEIL RODGERS
Executive Headteacher



Some key dates for the summer and the start of the 2023/24 academic year:

Thursday August 24th - GCSE results day 10am

Monday September 4th - Staff training day (no students to attend)

Tuesday September 5th - Staff training day (no students to attend)

Wednesday September 6th - Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 ONLY return to school

Thursday September 7th - All students in school

Friday October 27th - Last day of half term

Monday November 6th - All students return to school

Friday December 22nd - Last day of autumn term

Monday January 8th 2024 - Staff training day (no students to attend)

Tuesday January 9th 2024 - All students return to school