



August 2025

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Dear family,

Start of Term Arrangements – September 2025

As we prepare for the start of term, we would like to share some key information and expectations to help ensure a smooth and successful return to the Academy.

Key Dates and Timings

- Monday, 1 September and Tuesday, 2 September – Staff Training Day
- Wednesday, 3 September – Students in Years 7 - 12 return to the Academy
- Thursday, 4 September – Students in Year 13 return to the Academy
- The school day begins at 8.40am and students will be dismissed at 3.20pm. More information about the school day can be found here - [Academy Day - Shireland Collegiate Academy](#)
- The academy offers a free breakfast club between 8.00am and 8.30am each day of the week. Entrance for breakfast club is via Grange Road

Arbor Pay, Catering Updates and Free School Meals

- We have now moved from ParentPay to Arbor Pay. You will only be able to pay for school meals, trips and any other payment items via Arbor Pay. More information about how to make payments can be found on the Arbor section of our website - [Arbor - Shireland Collegiate Academy](#)
- The price of a school meal has increased from £2.60 to £2.80 for a meal deal. The cost of cooking a meal has risen significantly, and this new price will help us continue to provide high-quality meals for our students. This change does not affect students receiving free school meals
- Students joining the Academy from schools outside of the Sandwell borough will need to reapply for free school meals through Sandwell MBC, as this information is not automatically transferred from their previous school. You can find more information about free school meals and how to apply here - [Free school meals | Sandwell Council](#)

Uniform

- Your child should attend in full Academy uniform every day. Students are frequently reminded of our uniform policy and Heads of Year and Form Tutors promote this throughout the year. Please find all our Academy uniform expectations on our website - [Academy Uniform - Shireland Collegiate Academy](#)
- Our uniform supplier is Gogna Schoolwear and Sports, which can be found on Junction 2 Industrial Estate, B69 4LT.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Daly
Principal