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## End of Term - Summer 2026

As we approach the end of another successful academic year at Shireland, we have much to celebrate. Our students have once again demonstrated excellence across a wide range of disciplines, and our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly to support and inspire them every step of the way.

This year, I have been most proud of the opportunities given to students at Shireland Collegiate Academy and the way in which they embrace them. In the past few weeks alone, we have seen Showcases in Performing Arts, Design and Technology and Art; we also had our annual Sport's Awards recently. The talent that our students have never ceases to amaze me; their dedication to their skills is fantastic to see and is replicated in the staff that work with them.

We have also again received a number of accolades ourselves. We were recently awarded both the Leading Parent Partnership Award and the Excellent in Pupil Development award, and these go a long way to show the support we offer to students, families and the wider community.

### Free School Meal Information

- Please be reminded that Sandwell Local Authority will no longer be providing free school meal vouchers during school holiday periods. See statement below:  
***Food Vouchers Going Forward*** – *As you are aware, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council has, since 2022 continued to support parents in receipt of benefits-related free school meals by providing food vouchers from the Household Support Funding received from the government. Following the introduction of the Crisis and Resilience Funding received from the government, going forward, the authority will now be prioritising different areas of support needed for those in crisis. This will therefore mean the authority will no longer support funding in the form of food vouchers during the school holiday periods. Schools are advised that for parents who are struggling and need extra financial support during the school holidays, help and advice will still be available on our Supporting Sandwell information hub, which includes financial advice. [Supporting Sandwell – Sandwell Council](#)*
- HAF activity scheme: Families eligible for free school meals will be sent a link to access HAF activities. More information on the activities available can be found here - [Activities - Sandwell Holiday Activities](#)

### End of Term Arrangements

The final day of term is **Friday, 17 July 2026**. Students will be dismissed at **12:30pm**. Those entitled to Free School Meals may collect a packed lunch from the Dining Room upon dismissal.

### Key Summer Dates

- **Summer School for new Year 7 students:** Monday, 20 July – Wednesday 22 July
- **A Level Results Day:** Thursday, 13 August
- **GCSE Results Day:** Thursday, 20 August
- **Staff Training Day:** Tuesday, 1 September
- **School Reopens:** Wednesday, 2 September

A polite reminder that students should also be in their form rooms by 8:45am each morning to start the day on time. Breakfast club is open and free to all from 8:15am each day.

As always, the end of term brings some staff farewells. We thank those moving on for their contributions to Shireland and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Finally, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all Shireland staff for their unwavering support of our students throughout the year.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. Stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Daly', written in a cursive style.

Mr T Daly  
**Principal**