



September 2026

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Dear Family

Welcome Back Wednesday, 2 September 2026

I hope you have all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break.

As we prepare to welcome students back to Shireland Collegiate Academy, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all members of our school community. We are looking forward to the start of another successful academic year and are excited to see our students return, refreshed and ready to embrace new opportunities and challenges.

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time. It provides an opportunity for students to build on previous successes, develop new skills, and continue their personal and academic journeys. We remain committed to providing a safe, supportive and inspiring environment where every student can thrive and achieve their full potential.

We'd like to take this opportunity to share some reminders and key dates for the upcoming half term.

Key Dates

Monday, 31 August – Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday, 1 September – Staff Training Day

Wednesday, 2 September – Students in Years 7-12 return to the Academy

Thursday, 3 September – Year 13 students return to the Academy

Tuesday, 8 September – Year 12 Welcome Evening

Thursday, 10 September – Staff Twilight Session. **Students will be dismissed from the Academy at 2.30pm on this day**

Tuesday, 15 September – Open Evening. **All students will be dismissed from the Academy at 12.40pm on this day**

Tuesday, 22 September – Year 11 Parent's Matters Evening and Year 11 SEND Progress Evening

Wednesday, 30 September – Year 7 Photographs

Thursday, 1 October – Awards Evening

Tuesday, 20 October – Sixth Form Open Evening. **All students will be dismissed from the Academy at 12.40pm on this day**

Uniform

We consistently have high expectations for our learners and expect them to represent the academy in full uniform. Please see our website for more details - [Academy Uniform - Shireland Collegiate Academy](#)
Students who fail to meet the standards and expectations of uniform will receive same day sanctions and families will be informed of this via text.

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance at school is key to providing children with the best possible start in life. Regular attendance will also enable your child to take part in social events, develop friendships and join in with many exciting activities.

What is good attendance?

Good attendance means attending school every day and on time, unless there is a genuine and unavoidable reason preventing them from doing so.

Attendance is measured in percentages; however, this can sometimes be misleading. For example, a 90% pass rate in an exam would be considered amazing, yet as the chart below shows, a pupil who achieves 90% attendance in an academic year will have missed almost four weeks of school.

Attendance	Lost learning in one academic year	
95%	9 ½ Days	47 1/2 hours
90%	19 Days	95 hours
85%	28 ½ days	142 1/2 hours

Punctuality is essential to supporting students' learning, wellbeing, and overall success in school. Arriving on time ensures that students are ready to begin lessons promptly and do not miss valuable learning opportunities. Please be aware that students who arrive late to school will receive the following sanctions in line with our Behaviour and Attendance Policy:

- Students arriving between 8.45am – 8.55am (10 minutes late) will receive a same day 30-minute afterschool detention
- Students arriving from 8.55am onwards will receive a same day 1 hour afterschool detention

Mobile Phone Policy

The Academy's approach to mobile phones is aligned with the DfE Mobile Phones in Schools guidance (updated in January 2026)

From the moment a student enters the school gates until the moment they exit, mobile phones and personal devices must not be accessible.

- **They must not be brought in or**
- **Switched off,** and
- **In their bag,** not in pockets, hands of clothing

Failure to follow these procedures will result in the phone being confiscated and held in school. Families will be contacted and asked to collect the phone on behalf of the student. The student will be issued a detention.

For more information, please see link to the Trust's Mobile Phone Policy - [Policies - Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust](#)

Catering

We are pleased to announce that there will be no price increase to our 'Meal Deal' for 2026-27. This means that students can purchase 1 x hot meal/hot panini/deli bar, 1 x dessert and 1 x small drink/bottled water for £2.80. We would like to remind families to ensure that their child's Arbor account is topped up before the start of term.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. By working together, we can ensure that every student has the best possible experience and achieves their full potential.

We wish all our students a positive and successful start to the new academic year.

Yours sincerely



Mr T Daly
Principal