



Thursday 26 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

New build occupancy date confirmed and additional closure day (1/6/26)

You will be aware that we have been constructing a new three-storey block, which will bring our community a range of fantastic new facilities, including:

- 23 classrooms, including specialist rooms for DT, Music, Art and Food
- Music practice rooms and a recording studio
- 21 additional car parking spaces
- A library and learning centre
- Additional social areas

I am pleased to share an exciting update: it has now been confirmed that we will be able to begin using the new facilities immediately after the May half term. This means our students will benefit from these purpose-built spaces and brand-new equipment a little earlier than expected.

In preparation, we will begin moving furniture, equipment and classroom resources across during the weeks leading up to half term, with the final installation of interactive teaching boards and other technology taking place over the break.

Unfortunately, this will require us to close for an additional day. To ensure a safe transition into the new building, and to provide staff with essential training on the use of specialist spaces and equipment, the school will be **closed to all students except those in Year 11 and the ARC on Monday 1st June 2026.**

We appreciate that closing the school for a day can be disruptive, and this is not a decision we make lightly. However, it is necessary to ensure the move is completed safely and that everything is ready for students to return to a well-prepared learning environment.

Arrangements for Monday 1st June 2026

- School is closed to students in **Years 7–10**, except those in the ARC. Work for students in **Years 7–10** will be available on Teams for completion at home.
- Students in **Year 11** should attend school as normal. Their lessons will take place in alternative classrooms, as some areas of the site will be inaccessible during the



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transition. Please be assured that GCSE exams scheduled for Monday 1st June will proceed as planned.

- Students in the ARC will attend school as normal, but the timetable will be adjusted to include time in the ARC and transition activities in the new building.

We will continue to share updates on the new building through our weekly Principal's Message as we approach completion, but I wanted to provide notice of the closure now that a transition date has been confirmed.

Thank you, as always, for your support during this exciting new phase.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Emma Appadoo', written in a cursive style.

Emma Appadoo

Principal