



30 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: End of Year Letter and GCSE Results Day 2026

As we approach the end of another busy and rewarding academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to celebrate all that has been achieved at Handsworth Grange.

It remains a privilege to be part of such a wonderful school community. I am continually proud of our students, who represent the school so positively each day. Throughout the year, we have welcomed many visitors, all of whom have commented on how polite, respectful and welcoming both our students and staff are. We set high expectations, and our students consistently rise to meet them, demonstrating our school values in all that they do.

It is important to reflect on the progress we have made over recent years. We have taken significant steps forward in our school improvement journey, and we have a clear and ambitious plan in place to build on this further. As parents and carers, your contribution is invaluable, and I look forward to strengthening this partnership in the years ahead. Handsworth Grange is a special place, and together we will continue striving to make it the very best it can be for all our students.

Maintaining the highest standards remains at the heart of our work, and we are committed to providing the excellent education our community deserves. Our dedicated and hardworking staff place students firmly at the centre of everything they do, ensuring that every child receives the best possible educational experience.

This half term has been particularly busy, including Activities Day, the Year 8 Residential, Sports Day, and the successful completion of our first Duke of Edinburgh expedition. I would also like to commend our Year 11 students, whose conduct and focus during their exams has been the strongest it has been in many years. Their approach has been exemplary and reflects their commitment and determination. The comprehensive intervention programme this year has seen excellent engagement, and we plan to build on this further across Key Stage 4 next year.

Our school values remain central to everything we do:



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These values continue to underpin our culture and are actively promoted across our school community.

GCSE Results Day will take place on Thursday 20th August 2026, with students invited to collect their results from the Main Hall between 9:30am and 10:30am. I wish all our Year 11 students every success and hope they enjoyed celebrating at their Prom, which was a fantastic occasion. If students are unable to attend, further information will be available on the school website: www.hgsc.co.uk

The new academic year will begin for all our students on Thursday 3rd September 2026. All year groups will arrive at the same time and go directly to their Tutor Base. Year 7 students will be welcomed in the Main Hall, where they will meet their Tutors. Staff will be on hand to support all students, and time will be allocated to ensure everyone is settled and ready for the year ahead.

Please ensure you check the school website for the most up-to-date uniform guidance, September will be the start to the full new uniform for all students, please ensure you have checked the school website for all details.

I would like to inform you of a minor amendment to the school's uniform policy, effective from September. Moving forward, all skirts worn in school must be of an appropriate knee-length. This adjustment has been made to ensure that our students' appearance remains in line with the standards of appropriateness and professionalism expected within our school community, and to promote consistency across the student body.

Students who arrive at school wearing skirts that do not meet this requirement will be asked to change into a suitable skirt provided by the uniform room.

If you require support with uniform, a link is available on the website for assistance. Students arriving in incorrect uniform will be expected to change into the correct items. Additionally, all students should be fully equipped for learning each day, as this is essential to support their progress.



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In line with Department for Education guidance on mobile phones in schools, we expect that mobile phones are not visible or heard at any point during the school day and we will be operating a phone free environment. Students should keep their phones switched off and out of sight while on the school site, as guidance states, mobile phones have no place in a learning environment. Mobile phones can be highly disruptive, as notifications, messaging and social media divert attention away from learning, reduce engagement and interrupt the flow of teaching. They can also lead to issues around social interaction, safeguarding and behaviour during the school day. If a phone is seen, it will be confiscated immediately and taken to reception. If this happens on a second occasion, parents will be required to collect the phone from the reception. This approach supports a calm, focused learning environment where all students can fully engage and achieve their best. Further information can be found in the DfE guidance here: [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/mobile-phones-in-schools)

Students will receive a lanyard on their first day back, which forms a key part of their daily equipment. This will have their timetable for them and the expectation is that this is worn in all areas of the school, always. Sanctions will be applied for students who arrive without their lanyard.

To support learning and minimise disruption, students will not be permitted to leave lessons for the toilet except in emergencies or where there is a medical need. Students have regular access to facilities before school, at break, lunchtime, between lessons and after school. Where there is an evidenced medical need, a toilet pass will be issued and reviewed by the Head of Year at the start of every term. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this expectation.

The final day of term will be Friday 17th July 2026, with students attending lessons for Periods 1 and 2, followed by break. After break, students will attend Tutor time before being dismissed from school at 12:00pm. If your child would like to stay for lunch on this day, this will be available from 12.00pm – 1.00pm.

I will continue to keep you updated throughout the next academic year regarding key events, developments and celebrations. We remain committed to maintaining high expectations and ensuring every student at Handsworth Grange thrives.



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Thank you once again for your continued support. I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to working together again in September.

Yours sincerely

Miss Suzy Mattock
Headteacher
Handsworth Grange Community Sports College



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