



ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the academic year comes to an end, I would like to thank you for the support you have shown the school not only over the course of the year but in the recent weeks I have been Interim Principal. Your patience, understanding, and above all your continued trust in us have not gone unnoticed.

I want to be clear: as a school, we are resolute in our determination to succeed, for the good of every child in our care. This is not a moment for us to be discouraged; it is a moment for renewed focus, hard work, and clear action.

In preparation for the new academic year, there is some information that you need to be aware of. Some of this is detailed below and other important information will come out separately.

We have produced some short information clips that can be viewed on our [website here](#), these clearly communicate our expectations relating to Behaviour, Uniform and Attendance. I hope you find them useful.

The School Day

As part of our improvement plan, we are introducing a change to the structure of the school day on Fridays from September. This will give staff dedicated time each week for high-quality Continuing Professional Development (CPD). From this investment in staff, it will result in an improved school experience and better academic outcomes for your child.

From Monday to Thursday, the school day will continue as follows:

Event	Time
School gate opens	8:15am
Students lined up (latest)	8:40am
End of school day	3:15pm
Year 11 only — Period 6 finishes	4:10pm
Additional Study Session: Targeted Students	6:00pm



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On Fridays, the school day will follow a revised timetable, finishing at 2:35pm for students to allow staff to take part in CPD and department time. The new timings are as follows:

Lesson	Timing
School gate opens	8:15am
Students lined up (latest)	8:40
Tutor Time	8:45 – 8:50
Period 1	8:55 – 9:50
Period 2	9:55 – 10:50
Break	10:50 – 11:10
Period 3	11:10 – 12:05
Period 4	12:10 – 1:05
Lunch	1:05 – 1:40
Period 5	1:40 – 2:35
CPD / Department Time	2:40 – 3:30

Important Dates

Tuesday 1st September: Inset Day – school closed to all students

Wednesday 2nd September: Inset Day – school closed to all students

Thursday 3rd September: Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 only.

All students should arrive by 8:40am and register in the following locations:

Year 7: Line up on the Middle Playground

Year 11: Line up on Sports Hall Playground

Years 12 & 13: Form room



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Friday 4th September: All Year Groups in school. Students should arrive by 8:40am and register in the following locations:

Years 7, 11, 12 and 13: Form room

Year 8, 9 and 10: Line up on the Humanities/Sports Hall Playground

Working Together

I do not underestimate the scale of the task ahead of us, but we are confident in our capacity to meet it. Every member of staff is committed to the improvements needed, and we will keep you updated on our progress at every stage.

Thanking you for your continued support and wishing you a restful summer break.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Hearnden

Interim Principal