

20th August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin preparing for the new academic year, I wanted to take the opportunity to share some updates and outline our expectations for students when they return.

We are looking forward to welcoming students back into our school community on **Friday 4th September 2026**. In order to facilitate a smooth transition into the building, each Year Group will benefit from a staggered start to enable the pastoral team to deliver a bespoke programme of activities which will focus on student wellbeing and reinforcing our Top Class expectations.

The table below provides an overview of the staggered start, please pay particular attention to the start time for your child and the area within which they should meet their pastoral team:

First Day Arrangements: Friday 4th September 2026

Year Group: 2026-27	Arrival time:	Entry To Site:	Meeting Point:	Departure Time:
Year 7	8.30am	Front Gate	Assembly Hall	2.50pm
Year 8	10.00am	Front Gate	Front of School	3.05pm
Year 9	10.00am	Front Gate	MUGA	3.05pm
Year 10	11.00am	Front Gate	MUGA	3.10pm
Year 11	11.30am	Front Gate	Front of school	3.10pm

Uniform & Equipment Expectations:

The Top Class Student initiative continues to be highly successful, and has led to a strong upward trend in student achievements, which is impacting positively on our standards.

As we start the new academic year it is important that all students continue to strive to maintain these high standards in all aspects of their learning and conduct.

Please support us in the drive to raising standards, by ensuring your child is ready to start the new term with the correct uniform and equipment detailed below. Should you require any assistance with meeting these expectations, please do not hesitate to contact a representative from your child's year team.

Students must wear:

- a Stopsley High School **branded blazer**, a white shirt and a **school tie**
- either black tailored trousers (**cords, jeans, leggings, skinny fit or fashion trousers cannot be worn**) **OR** a black tailored skirt of an appropriate length - skirts should be knee length or just below (**lycra or tight fitting skirts are not allowed including no splits**)
- appropriate black school footwear (no coloured stitching, logos, laces or soles)
- plain white, grey, black socks or black tights
- for PE lessons the **branded polo top** and black shorts or training pants

In addition:

- no jewellery is to be worn, apart from one small, plain stud in each ear lobe and one plain ring
- a wrist watch, (**not a smart device with internet access**), may be worn but must be removed for PE activities and exams
- please note: smart devices under any guise - ring, wristband, bracelets, broach/pin - are not allowed to be worn.
- hair must be of a natural colour with no lines or patterns, or extreme styles
- no eyebrow patterns including shaved lines are permitted
- any hair bands should be plain black or navy only (no patterns, bright colours, bows or polka dots)
- No make-up, tinted moisturiser or coloured nail varnish is permitted. Acrylic, gel or any form of fake nails are not permitted.

Students should bring the following equipment with them:

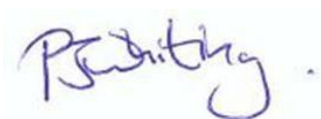
- Black or blue ballpoint pen (and a spare)
- Purple ballpoint pen
- Pencil
- Coloured pencils/Fine fibre tip pens
- Pencil eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- A ruler
- Scientific calculator
- Sensible bag, large enough to carry books and equipment.

Branded items of the uniform can be purchased online at [Prestige Design](#).

The pastoral team and I look forward to welcoming your child back into our community; should you have any queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact a member of your child's pastoral team, using the updated contact points below:

<u>Year Group:</u> <u>2026/27</u>	<u>Year Manager:</u>	<u>Contact email:</u>	Key Stage Senior Links:
7	Mr B Blanchard	bblanchard@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk	<u>Year 7 & 8:</u> Mr L Rowles - Assistant Headteacher lrowles@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk
8	Ms B Broughton	bbroughton@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk	
9	Ms J McIntosh	jmcintosh@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk	<u>Year 9, 10 & 11:</u> Mrs J Johnson - Assistant Headteacher jjohnson@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk
10	Mrs E Anastasio	eanastasio@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk	
11	Ms B Kidney	bkidney@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk	

Yours sincerely,



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