

20th August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a restful break and your families are safe and well.

Stopsley High School is looking forward to welcoming the 'Class of 2030' on **Friday 4th September** into our community and supporting them in their transition into secondary school.

We have already been introduced to so many of your children throughout our action packed transition programme, where we have been extremely impressed with both their Top Class attitude and conduct.

Please find below the details associated with your child's return:

First Day Arrangements: Friday 4th September

Year Group: 2026/27	Arrival Time:	Entry To Site:	Meeting Point:	Departure Time:
Year 7	8.30am	Front Gate	Assembly Hall	2.50pm

During their first day students will initially be based in their tutor room with their form tutor, in order to introduce them into their new school life slowly and ensure they have the correct information and tools to succeed. Students will benefit from a series of activities that will focus on:

- * icebreaker/getting to know you activities
- * establishing and maintaining student wellbeing
- * Stopsley High School Top Class expectations and routines.

Please reassure your child that they do not need to worry, if they are unsure about what to do or where to go there will be plenty of colleagues on hand to assist students as they arrive on the school premises through the front gate and throughout the school day.

Polite reminder: Year 7 students **should bring a packed lunch to school for the first week**. If your child qualifies for a free school meal and you would like a packed lunch to be provided please notify the transition team using the following email address:
transition@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk

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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 into our community; should you have any queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact Mr B Blanchard, Year 7 Year Manager: bblanchard@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely,



Mrs P. Whiting
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