



24 June 2026

Dear parent/carers

**Subject: Extreme Heat – Early Closure Information**

Thank you for your support and understanding over the past two days as we continue to navigate this period of very hot weather.

Although the heat has presented some challenges, our students and staff have responded admirably. I was particularly impressed during break and lunchtime yesterday to see so many students making sensible choices by seeking shade, staying hydrated and looking after themselves.

Having walked around the school yesterday, I observed excellent learning taking place across lessons; however, as the day progressed, classroom temperatures became increasingly high, and it was clear that some students were struggling with the heat.

**For this reason, we will operate an optional half-day closure at 13:30 on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026.** This earlier finish will allow students to leave before the hottest part of the day, which is currently forecast to occur from approximately 3:00pm onwards, thereby reducing the need for students to walk home or travel during the most intense heat. It will also help to avoid the highest classroom temperatures, which tend to build as the afternoon progresses in period 5 after lunchtime.

If you wish for your child to remain in school, then please complete the MS Form using the link below:

[Extreme Weather at home opt in form – Fill in form](#)

Please be aware that if you opt to keep your child at home, we would like to remind you to share safety information with your child on how to remain safe during the extreme weather, and to ensure that water safety advice is followed. [Water safety information for young people of secondary school age | Canal & River Trust](#)



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Work for the afternoon can be accessed via the following platforms:

- GCSE Pod – [Access GCSEPod | Support for teachers, students and parents](#)
- Maths Watch – [MathsWatch](#)
- Tassomai – [Tassomai | The learning program](#)

Students will still have an opportunity to purchase their lunch before leaving site, including those in receipt of free school meals.

We will continue to monitor conditions closely today and tomorrow to ensure that our arrangements remain appropriate and that students and staff are safe and well. It is important that we remain responsive to changing conditions whilst prioritising learning.

The heat is expected to drop significantly by the weekend, and school will be **open as normal again next week** for the remainder of the term.

As always, the welfare of our students and staff will be my overriding priority. Thank you for your understanding and as always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with the school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. P McCahill  
Headteacher



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