



Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to you today as we approach the last few days of the summer term and therefore the academic year. The summer term is always a really busy and exciting time in the academic year and this one has been no exception. We have been witness to a fantastic KS3 performance of 'Lord of the Flies' and we have said goodbye to Year 11 and Year 13 through two fantastic proms. We have also had the whole school Sports Day and today our first Hall Rewards day. Learners have been involved in trips and visits throughout the year and even more so in this term. We have also been able to celebrate a fantastic number of individual achievements by learners and staff. Please do take the time to read the latest edition of the Upton Voice (link below) which highlights many of the events above and the achievements of so many of our wonderful learners.

<https://www.uptonhigh.co.uk/site/data/publications/Upton-Voice-Summer-2024/index.html>

## Results Days

A reminder that Year 13 Results Day is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August and Year 11 Results Day is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. We are really looking forward to celebrating the success of both year groups on these days. Results will be available from 8am. Parents / carers should refer to the information that has already been sent out regarding these days.

## Summer Holiday Household Support Fund Payments

We have arranged for parents / carers of all FSM learners to receive a £90 Tesco gift card, financed through Cheshire West & Chester Council's Household Support Fund, to assist with purchasing food for your child(ren) over the Summer holiday period. We have issued one gift card for every FSM learner on roll in our school. These gift cards have been emailed to you direct by Tesco at around 8.00 a.m. on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July. If you cannot see the email in your Inbox please double-check your Junk Email and Clutter folders, just in case it has gone into one of them in error.

If you do not receive a gift card you were expecting please email [finance@uptonhigh.co.uk](mailto:finance@uptonhigh.co.uk) and we will investigate and resolve the matter for you.

## School Uniform – September 2024/25

As is often the case in the summer holidays many of you will be purchasing new uniform for September 2024/25. It is important that uniform complies with the expectations on our school website. I have copied the link below:

<https://www.uptonhigh.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=206>

Making sure your child has the correct uniform will avoid any issues in September.

## Equipment

It is important learners arrive to school in September, prepared to learn, and should have the following equipment on them at all times.

**CORE 4: Full size school bag, planner (issued in September), reading book and pencil case.**

Pencil cases should always contain a black pen, purple pen and a pencil **(Key 3)**.

The following items are also required for learning: ruler, eraser, colouring pencils, glue-stick, high-lighters, compass, protractor and calculator. The preferred calculator is Casio fx-85GT CW (classwizz)

### Diary Dates for September 2024-25

The calendar is now in place for the next academic year and this will be updated on the school's website before the start of September.

Term dates for the next academic year are confirmed as below:

<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>
<p>Wednesday 4th September - Friday 25th October</p> <p><i>Half-Term Break: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November</i></p> <p>Tuesday 5th November - Friday 20th December</p> <p><i>Christmas Break: Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January</i></p>
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>
<p>Tuesday 7th January - Friday 14th February</p> <p><i>Half-Term Break: Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February</i></p> <p>Monday 24th February - Friday 4th April</p> <p><i>Spring Break: Monday 7th April - Tuesday 22nd April (includes Easter bank holidays)</i></p>
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>
<p>Wednesday 23rd April - Friday 23rd May</p> <p><i>Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May</i></p> <p><i>Half-Term Break: Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May</i></p> <p>Monday 2nd June - Tuesday 22nd July</p> <p><i>Summer Break: Wednesday 23rd July – Friday 30th August</i></p>
<b>Inset Days 2024/25 (School Closed to Learners)</b>
<p>Monday 2nd September 2024 and Tuesday 3rd September 2024</p> <p>Monday 4th November 2024</p> <p>Monday 6th January 2025</p> <p>Wednesday 23rd July 2025</p> <p>Return to school: Wednesday 3rd September 2025</p>

Provisional dates for 2025-26 can be found on the school's website.

Please see below some other important dates for the start of term. Again, further details will be provided when term starts in September.

Date	Event
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Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Learners return to school at the normal time of 8.35am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	School photographs for Year 7 and Year 12
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 5.30-6.30pm	Year 12 Information Evening
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 5.30-6.30pm	Year 7 Information Evening
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 5.30-6.30pm	Year 10 Information Evening – Welcome to Key Stage 4
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening 5-5.45pm Year 10 6-6.45pm Year 12
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 5.30-6.30pm	Year 11 Information Evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 5.30-7.30pm	Open evening for prospective learners
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 6.30-8.00pm	Awards Evening at Storyhouse Theatre (by invitation)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 5.30-6.30pm	Year 8 Information Evening
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes to learners at the normal time of 3.10pm

## School Website

Over the summer holidays we will be launching our refreshed school website. I will share the details of this with you so you are still able to access important information for September. We hope that this provides more useful information about our school.

Alongside this we will also be changing the weekly newsletter to parents. We hope that this is more user friendly so you can access important information.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to a number of staff as shown below. We wish them all the very best as they move into new roles for September or enjoy retirement.

- Miss Farnin – SENCO
- Mr Bell – Chemistry Teacher
- Ms Connor – English Teacher
- Ms Szehofner – Head of Girls PE
- Mrs Vienello – History Teacher
- Ms M Williams – Language Assistant (Spanish)
- Mrs Evans – Maths Teacher
- Ms Toland – Maths Teacher
- Miss K Williams – Leader of KS 4 English
- Miss E Radvelitte – Leader of KS 3 English
- Miss Aitkin – English Teacher
- Mrs White – Science Teacher and Head of PSHE
- Miss A Burns – Science Teacher
- Mr L Bruce – Science Teacher
- Mr G Jackson – Teaching Assistant

- Ms I Kosenko – Teaching Assistant

At the beginning of next term I will introduce the new staff that are joining us in September 2024.

### **Chester Police Residents' Survey**

We have been asked to share the following link to a survey for residents (learners and parents) by the Chester Local Policing Unit: <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/police-forces/cheshire-constabulary/areas/cheshire/campaigns/chester/residents-voice/>

Reminder that as per our usual procedure for the last day of the academic year school will close to learners at the earlier time of 1.20pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Bus companies have been notified and will collect learners at the earlier time.

I hope that you all have a wonderful break during the summer and I look forward to welcoming all of our learners back to school at the start of the next academic year. As you will be aware learners return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the normal time of 8.35am ready for their tutor period at 8.40am. I will be in touch before the start of term to share the final arrangements.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

As always, if you have any questions before then please do not hesitate to contact the school on [admin@uptonhigh.co.uk](mailto:admin@uptonhigh.co.uk) or [head@uptonhigh.co.uk](mailto:head@uptonhigh.co.uk)

Yours faithfully,

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