



Woodrush High School

An Academy for Students Aged 11-18

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Dear Parent and Carers

We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our students back to Woodrush High School and beginning another successful academic year together.

Return to School

We will be using our planned **INSET days on Tuesday 1st September, Wednesday 2nd September, and Thursday 3rd September 2026** for staff training.

Friday 4 September 2026 – First Day for Year 7 and Year 12 Students only.

Year 7

Year 7 students should arrive in full school uniform from **8:25am** via the main student entrance, where staff will greet them and direct them to line up in their form groups on the tennis courts. The school gates will close at 8:45am.

Year 7 staff will be available throughout the morning to support students who are unsure where to go. Please remind your child to bring any Summer work they have completed so we can recognise their efforts with achievement points.

Year 12

Year 12 students should arrive from **8:25am** via the main entrance and proceed directly to the Sixth Form Conference Room. The school gates will close at 8:45am.

Monday 7 September 2026 – First Day for Years 8–11 and Year 13

Year 7

Year 7 students should arrive in full school uniform from **8:25am** via the student entrance located between Woodrush Community Hb and the main car park, where they will be greeted by staff and directed to line up in their form groups.

Years 8 to 11

Students in Years 8 to 11 should arrive in full school uniform from **8:25am** via the main student entrance. All students should go directly to their form room on arrival. Please check your child's timetable on the Arbor App before they return to school to confirm their form room.

Headteacher: Mr J Barber, BA (Hons), PGCE, NPQH
Deputy Head(s): Mr D Monk, BSc (Hons), PGCE, NPQH; Mrs M Holtom-Brown, BA (Hons), GTTP, NPQH; Mr I Wright, BA (Hons), PGCE, MCCT, NPQSL





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Year 13

Year 13 students should arrive from **8:25am** and report directly to the Sixth Form Centre.

During the first day, all students will take part in our Woodrush Ready Programme, designed to prepare them for a successful academic year.

The school day will finish at the usual time of **3:00pm**.

Is Your Child Woodrush Ready?

To help your child make the best possible start to the new academic year, please click [here](#) for information about how to ensure they are Woodrush Ready.

We would also like to remind parents and carers to read all information sent home in the end of year letter in July and to complete any outstanding forms. Having this information in place will help ensure a smooth and successful start to the school year.

If you have any worries or concerns regarding your child returning to school, please email the school office so that the relevant staff can be informed and get in touch to offer support.

Mobile Phones and Valuables

Woodrush High School is a **mobile-free school**. We strongly encourage students not to bring mobile phones into school. Please take the time to read our Mobile Phone Letter sent in July and the updated [Mobile Phone Policy](#) for further information.

The school cannot accept responsibility for mobile phones or other valuable items that are lost, damaged or stolen while on the school site.

We are excited to welcome students back and look forward to another year of learning, achievement and success at Woodrush High School. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all of our students a positive and successful start to the new academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Barber
Headteacher