

Parental Newsletter 19th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to all our students for navigating their way so successfully through the school year. We have had an enjoyable end to the term, culminating in today's wonderful 'Race for Life' event; thanks to both students and staff for their enthusiastic participation and fund-raising.

Today has been my last day at Pershore High School having joined in September 2008. It has been a wonderful final week seeing students excel during the Belgium Battlefields trip, Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expeditions and our end of year trips and in-school activities, amongst other things. It has been a privilege to lead and serve the students and community of Pershore High School, and I wish everyone well in their future endeavours. Thank you for your support during my time at the school, which has been much appreciated, and your good wishes.

The final updates for the year include:

Staff Leavers: The following colleagues are leaving us this summer: Phil Hanson (Part-time Executive Headteacher – 24 years of service to the school; Phil is becoming full-time CEO the school's Trust); Ruth Ward (German – 12 years); Katy Syvret (Physics – 4 years); Katie Houghton (Maths – 2 years); Molly Cutler-Stevens (English – 1 year) and Aled Roberts (Music – 1 year). I'd like to publicly thank them for their service to Pershore High School and wish them all well in their future endeavours; I am pleased to report that we are fully staffed for September. A welcome to new staff will be provided in the first communication of the new academic year.

As we look ahead to the next academic year:

Letter from Mrs Butler: Please find attached a letter from Mrs Butler, Headteacher from 1st September 2026, in relation to the new academic year. It includes updates on the following items: start of term dates; uniform; ties; equipment; detentions; Ready to Learn & mobile phones

Timetable & Teaching Groups: Teaching groups have been reviewed for the 2026-27 academic year; students will be informed of their groupings at the start of the new academic year. Some students will be changing bands and sets as a result of this year's assessment outcomes.

I have also been asked to re-share the following with you:

Water Safety: With any hot weather alert comes higher risks for young people getting into difficulties in open water. Teenagers are proportionately more likely to lose their

lives to drowning when temperatures exceed 25 degrees centigrade. Please initiate discussions with your child about staying safe around water. Key messages are:

- Open water can be much colder than expected and can cause cold water shock. Always enter the water slowly to adjust to the cold water.
- There are often underwater hazards such as tree branches, rocks and water weeds so never dive or jump into open water.
- There can often be strong currents and in some locations underwater machinery that can make getting to safety difficult.
- If in difficulty, try not to thrash around but stay calm, lean back and float.

Further information can be found through the following links.

- [Summer Water Safety | Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK \)](#)
- [Float to Live video](#)

WCC Support: Please find attached three useful documents from Worcestershire County Council on:

- Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers reminder
- Cost of living support for parents/carers
- A Guide to a Healthy Summer

West Mercia Police Cyber Crime Unit: There are three useful attachments to help keep parents/carers and their children safe online.

Thank you for working with us through this academic year. I hope you have a good summer break; here's to some quality family time and decent weather.

Best wishes,

Andrew Nockton

Head of School