

Re: KH/FS/End Of Term Letter

15th July 2025



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End Of Summer Term

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of the summer term after a wonderful year of learning, achievements and pupil success, I write to share some updates and useful reminders about the final days of term and the start of our new term in September.

Well Being Day:

We are looking forward to Thursday's Well Being Day where pupils will be able to experience an activity of their choice. Final details have been shared with the pupils so that they know their meeting points and departure times where appropriate; the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions are already well underway. Please be mindful of the expectations for dress codes, the requirements for packed lunches and spending money. We are sure that pupils are excited about the days ahead and clear expectations have been set by group leaders. However, pupils will not be able to participate if they do not follow these expectations.

School closes to pupils on Friday 18th July at the normal time.
Monday 21st July is a Training Day.

New Term:

The new term begins on Tuesday 2nd September 2025. There is a staggered start for different year groups, which is shown in the table below. All pupils must enter via the school gate on the Beacon Road or the bus bay if pupils are using the school bus services. If pupils arrive after the gates close, they must enter via the late gate off Old Hall Lane where they will be issued with a detention.

The end of the school day has been aligned for September so that all pupils will finish period 5 at 3.10pm. Pupils can then attend extra curricular activities, period 6 in year 11 & 13 or Homework club, each of which will run until 4.10pm. Specific details of these sessions will follow in the new term.

Times of arrival for Tuesday 2nd September:

Year 7	Gates open at 8.20am. Line Up commences at 8.35am on top playground. Prefects and staff will to greet and guide pupils.
Year 8, 9, 10 and 11	Gates Open at 10.00am. Line up commences at 10.20am
Year 12	Gates open at 8.20am. Line Up commences at 8.35am on top playground.
All pupils will depart at 3.10pm	



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School Uniform Years 7-11

The school website provides clear details about our uniform expectations including images of acceptable skirts, trousers and school shoes. We have plenty of spare and clean uniform which we will loan to pupils who do not follow the uniform policy. Here is a link to the school website for your perusal: <https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/uniform/>. Please note that we do not accept any designer, branded alternatives to our uniform. If in any doubt while making decisions about what to buy for your child, please contact postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk and we are happy to help.

Please also be mindful that extremes of hair colour such as but not exclusively red, pink or blue are not permitted; shaved patterns in hair and eyebrows as well as body markings are not permitted. Piercings are only permitted in the lower earlobe and nowhere else on the body.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: The website clearly states that we do not accept 'patterns/ logos/ stripes' on school shoes. This includes any type of Kicker shoe. Please note that Kickers of any form will not be accepted as school uniform from September 2025.

Some children have brought Converse boots to wear in PE. These are not appropriate footwear. The uniform guidance clearly states that 'High Tops and Plimsols' are not accepted. Please ensure that you make the necessary arrangements for your child's PE footwear.

Please remember that if your child has outgrown uniform, you can donate it to school. This includes footwear for PE. We have a donation box at school and will gladly receive uniform that is in a good clean condition. Any donations can be brought to reception by you or your child.

ClassCharts:

From September we are moving to ClassCharts to share homework, behaviour updates and detentions with parents. You have received separate correspondence about how to set your child's ClassCharts account up ready for the new term. We will no longer issue planners to pupils. However, you will be able to access all your child's details via the app allowing you to support your child manage their homework and engage in discussions about their points awarded in school.

It is important to check your child's ClassCharts app to ensure that you are aware of their progress in school.



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Year 13 term commences Wednesday 3rd September. Gates open at 8.20am.

Parent Pay:

Please ensure that your child's account has a positive balance to enable your child to make purchases at break and lunch time. Pupils will not be able to borrow for a main meal or sundries if they have a negative balance. Pupils can bring a packed lunch to school and are encouraged to have a refillable water bottle.

If your circumstances change, you can apply for Free School Meals at any time using this link: <https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/fsm/>

Water & Rail Safety:

In the light of the recent event in Sutton Park, pupils have been reminded, in form time and through virtual assemblies of the dangers of swimming in unfamiliar waters where no lifeguards are present. In addition Network Rail have shared the details about rail safety:

<https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/railway-safety-campaigns/trespass-campaigns/>

Network Rail advise that trespassing on the railway network is extremely dangerous and endangers not only the lives of those on the track, but also passengers, railway staff and the general public.

Many people - especially young people - fail to understand the danger they put themselves and others in, when they make the choice to stray onto the rail network. As summertime approaches, Network Rail are already reporting an increase in the number of incidents.

Incidents we are seeing involve children and young people:

- Hanging around on station platforms and crossing the tracks.
- Walking along the railway lines.
- Throwing stones at trains.
- Placing objects on the railway lines.
- Using the railway as a playground.

Key Messages

Trains are always running on the railway and can differ in times meaning that you can never predict when a train will pass. The Electricity is **ALWAYS** switched on around the railway. Always **Stop, Look and Listen** before using a Level Crossing.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?

Please discuss this most important information with your child to keep them safe.



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Changes to staff in the Pastoral Team:

There have been some changes to key members of staff in school for September 2025. Here is an update should you need to contact your child's Head of House:

Bredon	Head of House – Mr Dawes Assistant Head of House – Miss Appleyard House PA – Mrs Smith
Malvern	Head of House – Mrs Leavesley Assistant Head of House – Mr Homer House PA – Miss Smith
Clent	Head of House – Mr Bullock Assistant Head of House – Miss Cornfield House PA – Mrs Adkins
Wrekin	Head of House – Mr Sidhu Assistant Head of House – Miss Sall House PA – Mrs Whitehouse

If you need to update your contact details, please do so by collecting a form from Reception or completing an online form: <https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/application-forms/>. It is a legal requirement that we have a working contact number for you in case of an emergency.

If your child needs to take medication in school including paracetamol, they must hand it in to reception for safe keeping. A medical form can be found here: <https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/application-forms/>, which must be submitted with your child's medication.

Finally, thank you for your continued support this academic year. I wish you all a safe and restful summer and look forward to seeing Year 11 and 13 on the results days in August.

Yours sincerely



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