

8 May 2026

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you to all parents for their support in ensuring College continues to be a calm, focused and happy place to be this term. It has been a joy to see students on the field, enjoying the weather and school life together. This does not happen by accident; it is a product of great team work between home and school and we are grateful to all who work with us as part of this wider team.

There are a few reminders this week as we start the main exam season and the full summer term.

Important Reminder: No Mow May & Allergy Management

The school field is now open and we want to remind all students to remain safe and comfortable during "No Mow May". Please refer to our previous letter of the [17 April 2026](#) which gives further information. In addition, if any student needs medication in school you must complete the [Administration of Medicines](#) form and return to Mrs Baseley in Welfare with the medication.

Mobile Phones

Mobiles during the school day must be switched off and in bags. It is very clear that all guidance from government and Ofsted is school should be a phone-free environment. Phones cannot even be in pockets. We will always confiscate if seen. We are reviewing arrangements for 2026-27 in consultation with other local schools and will update before the end of the year. *It is possible we will have no choice but to implement stricter rules around phones in school but we will update you as soon as we are clear.*

Uniform

Under the new legislation, changes to branded uniform come into effect in September. We are grateful to the consultation with parents and students, we have also discussed details with SOHCC and will release new guidance later this term. However, we can share some headlines:

- Branded items:
 - The only school branded items in September will be polo shirt, blazer and PE top.
 - NO other branded items will be allowed. Details on unbranded PE kit and jumpers will follow but *no company branding* will be permissible on any item.
- Existing uniform:
 - Any school branded items already bought and owned: PE kit, jumpers etc will be able to be worn for as long as is necessary, no new items will need to be purchased.
- Summer Term uniform:
 - Blazers are required to be worn throughout Term 5. After half term they are not compulsory.
 - As usual necklaces, bracelets and hooped earrings are not allowed for safety reasons.
 - School shoes must be in line with guidance.

Any exceptions can only be agreed with the pastoral team and should be time bonded as part of a 'plan, do, review' approach. Consistency of uniform is vital for a safe environment that ensures equity.



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Revision Support for Exam Year Groups

Students are doing well in classes and teachers are encouraged by their effort and work ethic. We are optimistic for their exam season and keen to support them fully to the very last exam and beyond.

There are a few key elements which, if in place now, will make a big difference:

- Please make sure your child is very aware of the firm guidance around banned items in exam rooms and likely responses to any evidence or suggestion of malpractice. They have worked too hard and have too much potential to risk disqualification through a mistake at this stage.
- **Good attendance:** students need to be in lessons to benefit from the expertise of their teachers. Attendance of under 94% can result in up to 2 grades lower outcomes. Even an improvement in attendance in the final few weeks can make a difference.
- **Rest and sleep:** up to and between exams it is important to stay healthy and calm, using breaks well to allow the brain to rest and absorb what has been studied.
- **A revision timetable:** Having this in place makes a big difference to managing time, revision content and reducing stress. There is guidance on the website to help:
<https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Revision-Timetables.pdf>

I wish you all a sunny and enjoyable weekend, thank you for your continued support. It is always appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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DIARY DATES

Please check Clubs and Interventions by going to the following link on our website:
<https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/news-and-events/extra-curricular-activities>

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| w/c 11 May 2026 | GCSE & A Level Summer Exam Series begins |
| Tuesday 12 May 2026 | International Women's Day (in Maths Lessons) |
| Monday 18 May 2026 | Broadbridges - collection of paid for pre-orders ONLY |
| w/c 25 May 2026 | May Holiday |
| Monday 1 June 2026 | Start of Term 6 |
| 9 July 2026 | Heathfield Awards Evening - more details to follow |