



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Start of Autumn Term 2026

As this school year ends, it is time to let you know our plans for the return to school after the summer holiday in September and to give you good notice in advance of how this will be organised.

At this point we are sending you a whole school overview of the return in September, containing the key dates. Before the start of the Autumn Term you will receive a year-specific letter with more of the details.

The new Year 7 will start on Wednesday 2nd September. For every other year group, the first day in school will be **Thursday, 3rd September**. Each year group will follow its own programme on that day. This will include a service at St. Matthew's at the start or at the end of their time in school. It will also include vital information about the timetable and the organization of the year ahead. Year 7 pupils will be off-site for a team-building day on that day.

The full timetable will then begin at 8.45am on **Friday, 4th September**. From then onwards the focus will be on making the best possible start in every different subject.

As parents we would like you to put one other date in your diary: as last year, each year group will have its own **Information and Presentation Evening** in September:

- **Year 11 – Tuesday, 8th September – 6pm**
- **Year 10 – Thursday 10th September – 6pm**
- **Year 9 – Tuesday, 22nd September – 6pm**
- **Year 8 – Thursday, 24th September – 6pm**
- **Year 7 - Tuesday, 29th September 6pm**

We look forward to seeing you in person on these occasions.

Either Mr Koramoa or Miss Akanho will write to you later with more details about the start of term. In the meantime, please raise any queries with your child's Head of Year.

Yours sincerely

Richard Parrish
Headteacher

Start of the Autumn Term 2026: an overview

Date	Year Group	Time	Activity
Tuesday 1 September	Staff	All day	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 2 September	Year 7	All day	Year 7 Induction Day in school - see separate letter
Thursday 3 September	Year 7	All day	Frylands Wood visit – as per previous communication
Thursday 3 September	Year 8	11:00am	Service at St Matthew's followed by induction activities in school. Finish at 2:25pm.
Thursday 3 September	Years 9 & 10	8:45am	Induction activities in school followed by a service at St Matthew's from 12:00pm–12:45pm.
Thursday 3 September	Year 11	10:30am	Induction activities in school followed by a service at St Matthew's from 1:30pm–2:15pm.
Thursday 3 September	Year 12	8:30am–2:25pm	First day in school.
Thursday 3 September	Year 13	12:45–2.25pm	Afternoon session in school.
Friday 4 September	Sixth Form	8:30am	Service at St Matthew's.
Friday 4 September	Years 7–11	8:45am	Normal school day begins.
Friday 4 September	All Students	9:15am–3:15pm	Normal timetabled lessons.