

Thursday 25th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: School Closure – Friday 26th June 2026

Following an extensive site inspection today, we have made the decision that the school will remain closed tomorrow, Friday 26th June.

This decision is not based solely on the external temperature. Due to the age and design of the building, airflow is significantly more limited than in more modern schools, and despite the considerable efforts of our site team, we have been unable to remove the residual heat that has built up over recent days. As a result, classroom temperatures are already at an unacceptable level from early in the morning. Our inspection found that, despite all mitigation measures, over half of our classrooms are at temperatures that would not be safe for teaching and learning. We never take the decision to close the school lightly; however, health and safety considerations must come first.

We are very mindful of the disruption this causes and the loss of learning time. To support students, we will be sharing work that they can complete at home to reinforce what they have been learning in school this year. We do, of course, understand that in the current temperatures, and depending on access to suitable working spaces at home, this may not be possible for students to complete and so we have made this work optional. Work will be sent via Edulink directly to students.

Year 10 mock exams

We will rearrange the year 10 mock exams that were missed to the following days next week and these will take place in classrooms rather than the exam hall.

- French – Tuesday period 1 and 2
- Media studies and Music – Thursday periods 4 and 5

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Stronger Together Festival

Sadly, we have also taken the decision to **postpone the Stronger Together Festival** scheduled for Saturday. This is a really important event in our school calendar, but we do not feel it is safe to complete the significant set-up required in the current conditions, or to safely run the event on the day itself. We are hoping to reschedule this for a date early in the autumn term. If you have booked tickets, you will be contacted via TryBooking. The Arts Team have asked for the following message to be sent to the students who were due to perform on Saturday:

To all the musicians and dancers involved in Stronger Together,

We are so proud of you and all of the work that you have put into preparing for Stronger Together this year, and sad that we won't get to see the results this weekend. However, we will do our best to provide more opportunities to showcase your performances. Thank you for your patience whilst we work out what that looks like.

Thankfully the art exhibition can still take place so we will be able to view that in school over the next few weeks.

The Arts Team

We are very grateful for your continued understanding, patience, and support during this period of exceptional heat. I would also like to thank the students for the maturity that they display during difficult conditions in school this week. We recognise how disruptive these arrangements can be for families and appreciate the cooperation you have shown. As always, our priority is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our whole school community, and we are looking forward to welcoming all students back on Monday for an exciting final few weeks of term.

Kind Regards



Miss S Taylor

Headteacher