

The Gilbert School



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Part of the Alpha Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: End of term arrangements

I am writing to confirm the end of term arrangements and the details for the start of the new academic year in September.

The final day of this term is Friday 17th July 2026; the school will close at 12:10pm following afternoon registration. Please ensure you have made the necessary arrangements for your child to leave school at this time. If this is not possible and you need your child to be supervised at the school until 3:20pm, staff will be on hand to do so. Please contact the school office prior to Thursday 16th July 2026 if you require this. For those students who wish to purchase food, cold items will be available in the South Hall servery at break time.

Autumn Term 2026

The school reopens for students in Year 7-11 on Thursday 3rd September 2026.

Please refer to the timetable below for individual year group arrangements (these apply to the first day only after which students will follow their new timetables). Please note, Year 10 and 11 students (with the exception of Year 11 Mentors) have a later start to their morning and should be in their form rooms at 9:50am.

Year	Start	Form/ Assembly	Form	Break	Normal Lesson 3	Normal Lesson 4	Lunch	Tutorial Time 1:55pm - 2:20pm	Normal Lesson 5
7	8:40am Line up on MUGA	8:50am Assembly (YFG**) NBM/RLI	Ends 10:50am	10:50am - 11:10am	11:10am - 12:10pm	12:10pm - 1:10pm	1:10pm - 1:50pm	Form room	2:20pm - 3:20pm
8	8:40am Line up on MUGA	8.50am Assembly (South Hall) SBA/RSA						Form room	
9	8:40am Report to form room	10:15am Assembly (YFG***) MWI/RSA						Form room	
10	9:50am Report to form room	N/A						Assembly (YFG**) JWR/KCH	
11*	8:40am Year 11 mentors ONLY 9:50am Report to form room	N/A							
* Year 11 Mentors start at 8:40am with their Year 7 form class and report to the MUGA									
** YFG (Yellow Floor Gymnasium)									

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Uniform

Details of compulsory and optional PE kit can be found on the [Anglia Sports and Schoolwear website](#).

In line with the letter we sent you this time last year, we would like to remind you that the PE Department have now removed skorts from the PE kit list for all students from September 2026.

The summer break is an ideal opportunity to ensure that students return in September with skirts, trousers and shoes that are the correct length and fit. To ensure the uniform you purchase meets the school's requirements please refer to the [School Uniform Purchase Guide](#). Please pay close attention to this in order to avoid costly purchases that may need to be replaced in September to meet uniform requirements.

Mobile Phones in Schools

You will probably have heard that HM Government has introduced statutory guidance requiring schools to prohibit the use of mobile phones and other personal smart devices on school premises throughout the school day. The aim is to help students remain focused on learning, promote positive behaviour and well-being, and encourage face-to-face social interaction while still allowing students to bring their phones for use before and after school. Whilst we have always operated a 'no mobile phone seen or used' policy, we will now be introducing additional measures to ensure we comply with the new statutory guidance. We will write to you in September with details of these arrangements.

The school day 2026/2027

08:40 - 08:50	Registration/Standards Check
08:50 - 09:50	Period 1
09:50 - 10:50	Period 2
10:50 - 11:10	Break
11:10 - 12:10	Period 3
12:10 - 13:10	Period 4
13:10 - 13:50	Lunch
13:50 - 13:55	Movement Time
13:55 - 14:20	Registration/Assembly/Personal Development
14:20 - 15:20	Period 5

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your continued support throughout this academic year. Your encouragement and partnership have played a vital role in the continued success of our school community.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish you and your families a happy, restful, and enjoyable summer holiday.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Mitchell
Headteacher