



21 July 2025

Re: End of year letter and return of students

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy and successful school year, I want to take a moment to thank you sincerely for your continued support and partnership. Your engagement and involvement have played a vital role in the progress we have made together on our school improvement journey.

This year has seen many positive developments. We've undertaken a comprehensive review of our curriculum to ensure it meets the needs of all our students, and we've strengthened our behaviour systems and safeguarding practices to create an even safer and more supportive environment for learning.

Looking ahead, we're excited about the significant investments being made to our school site over the summer which has been funded by Minerva Learning Trust. This includes a new heating system, re-roofing projects, enhanced fencing around the school grounds, and a new gate system to improve access control and security. In September we will also see the opening of our ARC provision to provide higher tier support for targeted groups of students. These improvements are part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible environment for our students and staff.

There is still more to do, and we remain fully committed to continuing this journey of improvement with you.

Our students have had a fantastic year of achievement. Recent highlights include our Sports Day at the Institute of Sport—congratulations to Frecheville for their victory! Year 10 and Year 12 have had a really successful work experience week and mock interview day, and it has been great to hear back from employers on their success. We have also had memorable Year 11 and Year 13 leavers assemblies and proms.

We're now looking forward to celebrating the successes of each year group in our upcoming celebration assemblies, as well as enjoying the activity day and the carnival sports event on the final day of term.

End of term: Wednesday 23rd July

As we approach the end of term to begin the summer break there are some items of important information to share with you.

The school term ends on Wednesday 23rd July: students will finish school at

1:05pm on that day. The school buses have been arranged for the earlier finish.

As part of our final day of term we will be running carnival sports day. This is a traditional sports event that the students and staff look forward to, and brings our community together at the end of the year. Students who are competing must come into school wearing PE kit. Students spectating should wear school uniform as normal. We advise that students bring water bottles, sun cream and a hat if the weather is hot. Coats may be needed if there is colder weather.

School day and timetable

A reminder that the school day starts for students at **8:40am and finishes at 3:10pm**. There is no change here. The school gates will open for students at 8:20am and a breakfast is available every morning to purchase in the canteen. There have been some slight changes within the school day, this includes movement time to improve punctuality to lessons and a slightly shorter registration (20mins) which will include a tutor time programme tailored to each year group. Personal Development and RSE have been moved into dedicated curriculum time.

To help I have included an overview of the school day below.

School Day

Start of the school day for students	08:40am
Registration	08:45-09:05am
P1	09:05-10:05am
Changeover	
P2	10:10-11:10am
Break	11:10-11:25am
P3	11:25-12:25pm
Lunch	12:25-13:05pm
P4	13:05-14:05pm
Changeover	
P5	14:10-15:10pm

September re opening arrangements

Arrangements for the start of the new school year are as follows. **School will reopen to Y7-13 students on Monday 8th of September. Students in all year groups should arrive at school for the start of the school day no later than 8:40am.**

Students should be in full school uniform (see section below), with an A4 school bag and be fully equipped. There is no requirement to bring PE kit on this first day as the students will be involved in a full tutor induction programme P1-P3, with introductory lessons P4 and P5.

We want a calm and happy start to the new academic year and a warm welcome back to students.

To support students and parents and carers to be prepared for September we have created a presentation which you can view here;

<http://www.netherthorpe.academy/news/?pid=52&nid=4&storyid=229>

This presentation outlines the first day back arrangement, being prepared for school and the basic behaviour expectations. ***Please make sure you view this presentation with your child.***

Results days for Y11, Y12 and Y13

Examination results for **Year 13 and 12** will be available for collection between 8.30am-11am on **Thursday 14th August 2025**. Students are to go to the canteen area to collect results.

Year 11 exam results will be available for collection **from 8.30am- 12pm on Thursday 21st August** in the canteen area.

If students cannot come into school on results day, then please leave a stamped addressed envelope in the Exams Office before the end of term. Results will then be posted out.

We are unable to give results out over the telephone or via email. If students are unable to collect their results and wish to nominate someone to collect them on their behalf, they must put this in writing to the school confirming the identity of the individual they have authorised to collect their results; this must be signed by the student whose results they are collecting. On the day, this individual will need to bring documentation confirming their identity i.e. passport, driving licence or council tax bill.

For those joining the Sixth Form the team will be available to meet with you from the minute you collect your results in the canteen area – we look forward to meeting you and remind all families Netherthorpe Sixth Form has a wide range of A level and Applied Qualifications available to you on results day.

Getting the basics right from the outset

Getting the basics right plays a big role in creating a positive and effective learning environment. Most of our students follow our rules that enable learning and keep us all safe. In the pastoral sessions at the start of the year, form tutors will remind all students of the basic expectations. I have included some of the key expectations below.

Thank you for supporting our school by discussing them with your child.

Uniform Policy

Consistency of school uniform is really important because it promotes equality, reinforces school identity and sets clear expectations for all students. We want students to be proud to be part of our school and wear uniform with pride.

We have sent out a letter and presentation to all families outlining our uniform policy to bring consistency and clarity for a fresh start in September. This is to ensure that all students and families are fully informed and prepared for a unified approach moving forward. **A copy of our school uniform presentation for 2025-26 can be found here;** [Netherthorpe School – Uniform Update](#).

A copy of the uniform policy can be found here; [Netherthorpe School – Policy and Statements](#) and is published on the school website and we expect all our students to know it and adhere to it. GOGNA is our uniform supplier and a link to their website is below.

To support families to purchase uniform over the summer, please pop along to one of our uniform days in school on **Thursday 24th July** and or **Thursday 7th August, 2pm – 6pm in the school sports hall**.

In order to ease a lengthy wait please adhere to the allocated time slots based on your child's surname:

2pm – 4pm A-L

4pm – 6pm M-Z

For students who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, you should have received a letter with your unique uniform discount code – please remember to bring your letter and code along to the uniform days in order to access your discount.

Codes can also be used online via the Gogna website when ordering uniform www.gogna.me. If you have not received this or have additional questions about this discount, please contact the Mrs Catlow via BCatlow@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Preloved uniform

We are always looking for donations of school uniform - if you would like to donate any items which are clean and are in good repair please hand them in to school reception.

If you have any questions about the uniform guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the school or refer to the uniform policy on the website. If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please contact your child's Student Support Lead at school before buying.

If there are any extenuating circumstances or a financial issue which means you are not able to meet the requirements please contact your child's Student Support Lead for support.

We would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring your child is dressed correctly for school each day.

Attendance and Punctuality

All students should arrive at school on time and for every lesson. Morning registration and assemblies **start at 8.45am** and we expect students in their registration room at this time. A warning bell sounds at 8.40am to allow sufficient time to get to registration or

assembly.

Most of our students are punctual, but a small minority arrive late to school or to lessons which disrupts learning. Good punctuality is recognised and rewarded. Students late to school will be recorded as late by the attendance and pastoral team and will register as part of late gate in a dedicated room. When students repeatedly arrive late to lessons the minutes late are recorded and detentions issued. Detentions are recorded and shared through the satchel one app. We strongly advise students to check their satchel one app daily at home.

If your child is unable to attend the school for any reason, please ensure that you call the absence line on 01246 472220 and select the relevant option no later than 8.40am on each day of absence. Please state your child's name, tutor group and reason for absence, including when you expect them to return to school.

Equipment, mobile phones and headphones

We expect all students to be equipped to learn. All students need at least a pen, a pencil, a rubber, ruler, and Maths equipment including a calculator in their pencil case. They also need to bring kit for PE and any Art and Technology equipment as requested by the department. Parents will have received communication around contributions to Art and Technology curriculum areas – please refer to the letter sent to parents on 17 July.

Contributions are received with thanks via Parent Pay by 30th September 2025.

Mobile phones (and smart devices) **should not be used, seen, or heard on the school site at any time.** Headphones are also not allowed at Netherthorpe School. For Sixth Form students we understand that the use of mobile technology can assist learning and also is a useful tool for many of the things done in Sixth Form, for example applying for university through UCAS. With this in mind, Sixth Form students will be able to use their phones in the Sixth Form Common Room, Study Rooms and in enclosed classrooms where the class teacher has given permission.

Communication with school over the summer break

Most staff take annual leave over the six-week holiday. Most colleagues put an 'out of office' message on their emails to remind families how to get in touch with the school via the enquiries email address (info@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk) and, in an emergency, with the local safeguarding hub [Worried About a Child?](#).

Visitor reception is open for some days over the summer break and quite a few staff will be in school around the examination results days (Thursday 14th August for A Level and Thursday 21st August for GCSE) to provide specific support for Y10s, Y11s and Y13s. A parent / carer calendar has been drafted of key dates to give an overview of the year. This can be found here [Netherthorpe School - Calendar for Parents](#)

We are also looking forward to welcoming some of our Y6 students at the summer school which runs from **Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th August (9am until 3pm)**. Please email

Bev Catlow if you have any questions regarding this:

Bcatlow@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk

As we bid farewell to members of our Netherthorpe School community who are moving on to new opportunities or entering a well-earned retirement, we want to express our deepest gratitude for the dedication, passion, and care you have brought to our school. Your contributions have left a lasting impact on students, colleagues, and the wider school community. Whether you are embarking on a new chapter or enjoying a well-deserved rest, please know that you leave behind a legacy of excellence and inspiration. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you every success and happiness in the future. A list of staff leavers can be found here [Pastoral Care Staff List](#)

The school is fully staffed in September, and we look forward to welcoming new colleagues.

We wish you all a happy and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you all again in the new school year. This has been another wonderful year with our wonderful students, and we thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R Sutcliffe', written in a cursive style.

Rachel Sutcliffe
Headteacher