THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of another busy and successful academic year, I would like to share the arrangements for the end of term, highlight some important dates for the year ahead, and thank you for your continued support.

End of Term Arrangements
Summer Term ends on **Wednesday 22 July at 12.20pm**. School buses will depart by **12.30pm**. Please note that **lunch will not be served** on this day.

Start of Term Arrangements
The Autumn Term begins for our new **Year 7 on Wednesday 2 September at 10:00am and for all other year groups on Thursday 3 September at 8:35am.**

In-Service Training Days for 2026-2027
Tuesday 1 September 2026
Monday 19 to Wednesday 21 October 2026
Friday 12 February 2027
Friday 2 July 2027

Parents' Evenings:

Year 7 Tutor Evening	TBC
Year 7 Parents' Evening	7 January 2027
Year 8 Parents' Evening	25 February 2027
Year 8 Mini Options Evening	11 February 2027
Year 9 Options Evening	14 January 2027
Year 9 Parents' Evening	21 January 2027
Year 10 Parents' Evening	20 May 2027
Year 11 Parents' Evenings	8 October 2026 and 11 March 2027

Term dates for 2026-27:

Autumn Term	2 September - 18 December 2026
Autumn Half-Term holiday	19 – 30 October 2026 *(Including Inset days)*
Spring Term	4 January 2027 - 25 March 2027
Spring Half-Term holiday	15 – 19 February 2027
Summer Term	12 April – 23 July 2027
Summer Half-Term holiday	31 May – 4 June 2027

Following the very positive feedback received from parents, we are pleased to continue with a **full two-week October half-term** for students.

Smartphone-Free School
From September, smartphones and smartwatches will not be permitted on site, even if switched off and not in use. We have shared detailed information with students and families and ask for your full support in implementing this change. Please help us avoid situations where students receive sanctions for bringing prohibited items into school.

Further information, including details of permitted non-smartphones, can be found on the school website.

Getting Ready for September
We want every student to make a positive and successful start to the new academic year. To help with this, please take some time over the summer to review the attached **Standards Checklist** with your child and ensure they are fully prepared for September.

We continue to work with two suppliers for branded school uniform items: **Skoolkit** and **Direct4Logos** (based in Romsey). Pleated navy skirts are also available from Asda and Marks & Spencer. Full uniform guidance can be found in the **Information** section of the school website.

If your child is considering new piercings or a change of hairstyle during the summer break, please ensure these comply with the school's expectations before September.

Students may wear **one gold or silver stud in each earlobe only**. Any additional piercings should ideally be carried out at the start of the holiday to allow sufficient healing time, as retainers are not permitted in school. Hair should be of a natural colour and styled in a sensible, non-exaggerated manner appropriate for a professional working environment.

Staff Leaving This Summer
At the end of this academic year, we will be saying goodbye to several valued colleagues:

- Mrs Deacon, Mathematics Lead Practitioner (joined 2013)
- Miss Roodt, Head of Humanities (joined 2018)
- Mrs Hocking, Head of Drama (joined 2024)
- Mrs Whatley, Deputy Head of Mathematics (joined 2024)

I would like to thank each of them for their dedication, professionalism and contribution to the school. We wish them every success for the future.

I am also pleased to confirm that we will be fully staffed with specialist teachers in September.

As another academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It plays a vital role in helping our students thrive. On behalf of everyone at the school, I wish you and your family a happy, restful and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely



Mr C J Cox
Headteacher