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End of Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well, and that you are coping with the very warm weather. As we draw towards the end of an eventful summer term, there has been much to celebrate, with a huge range of activities, events and school visits. Please do see our Central Issue publications that are available on our website for some wonderful highlights.
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End of Summer Term 2026 Arrangements

The summer term ends on **Wednesday 22nd July with all students dismissed at 12.30pm. Please note:**

- This will be a non-school uniform day for students. Students who wish to participate by not wearing uniform must pay £1 on arriving to school. Students who do not wish to donate must wear their school uniform. Donations will be split between our international partner school Muthurwa Primary School in Kenya, Bow Food Bank and MAP.
- Students may bring in food for form group parties. In order to safeguard students and staff who have allergies, food **MUST NOT CONTAIN NUTS.** Thank you in advance for your support with this.
- A grab and go lunch will be available for all students to be collected at break time.
- Please note that the main school reception will close at 2.00pm.

Start of Term 2026 Arrangements - Staggered Start for Students

- Tuesday 1st September is an INSET day therefore school will be closed to all students.
- Wednesday 2nd September Year 7 and Year 12 return by 8.35am for an 8.40am start with form tutors**.** Year 7 will be dismissed from the Coborn Street exit at 3.05pm. Year 12 will be dismissed at 12.40pm.
- Thursday 3rd September marks the return for all students:
    - All year groups arrive by 8.35am for an 8.40am start with form tutors (full school day).
    - Please note that Year 7 finish at 3.05pm daily with all other year groups finishing the school day at 3.10pm.
    - Years 7, 8 and 9 must enter and exit via Coborn Street. Years 10 and 11 via Harley Grove (Bow Road will no longer be used as a student entrance).
    - Note that in the event that students in Years 7 to 11 arrive late for school, they will all now be signed in at the Harley Grove entrance.

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USFSM Students in Years 7 to 11

A reminder that universal secondary free school meals remain in place for 2026/27 for all students in years 7 to 11. Sixth form students eligible for free school meals must apply for FSM via their local authority.

Staff Restructure and Changes to Class Sizes from 2026/27

This year, the school undertook a restructure as authorised by the Governing Body and Local Authority in response to the need to avoid a significant financial deficit. This has resulted in a reduction of 10 staff through voluntary and compulsory redundancies. As a consequence, the school has moved from class sizes of 27 to 30 students from Years 7 to 11 in the core subjects, Humanities, Music and Drama, with class sizes in ADT, PE and Computer Science remaining at 24 (please note that for GCSE option subjects, classes in some subjects will remain below 30 as per the current model in light of student choices). We are confident that this change will not impact the quality of education your child receives, and we remain committed to providing excellent teaching and learning across all subjects.

Term Dates for 2026/27

As with previous academic years, we have a two-week autumn half term break.

Autumn Term 2026	Spring Term 2027	Summer Term 2027
From: Tuesday 1st September To: Friday 18th December **2 Week Half Term Holiday: Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October** **Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January**	From: Monday 4th January To: Thursday 25th March **Half Term Holiday: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February** **Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April**	From: Monday 12th April To: Friday 23rd July **Half Term Holiday: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June** **Summer Holiday begins Monday 26th July**

School Closure Days 2026-27
INSET Day (school closed to students) • Tuesday 1st September **Bank Holidays** • Friday 26th March – Good Friday • Monday 29th March – Easter Monday • Monday 3rd May • Monday 31st May **Eid Al-Fitr** 8th March/ 9th March 2027 TBC **Eid Al-Adha** 16th/ 17th May 2027 TBC

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Thank you for your support of your child and the school over the course of this year. On behalf of us all at CFGS, we wish you and your family all the best over the summer.

Yours sincerely,

Ms C. Prince

Headteacher