



Tuesday 1st September 2026

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you and your family have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we begin a new academic year at Ashington Academy, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our students and families, particularly those joining us for the first time in Year 7 and the Sixth Form.

The start of a new term is always an exciting time. It provides an opportunity for students to set new goals, embrace new challenges and make the most of the many opportunities available both inside and outside the classroom. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back and building on the successes of last year, including our excellent GCSE and A-Level results this summer.

At Ashington Academy, we remain committed to providing an environment where every student feels safe, supported and challenged to achieve their very best. Alongside high academic standards, we continue to place great importance on personal development, attendance, enrichment opportunities and positive relationships. Working in partnership with parents and carers is central to this commitment, and I would like to thank you for your continued support.

This term promises to be a busy one, with a range of opportunities for students to engage in sporting, cultural, leadership and academic activities. We encourage all students to take full advantage of the opportunities available and to contribute positively to our vibrant school community.

Please take note of the key dates below and keep an eye on our website, social media channels and regular communications for further information throughout the term.

Key Dates for Half Term 1

Date	Event
Wednesday 2nd September	All students start school after the summer holidays, arrive by 8.30 for an 8.35 start Breakfast club starts
Friday 4th September	Photo Day Year 7, 11 and 12
Tuesday 8th September	Year 11 Revision Sessions start every Tuesday and Thursday after school 3.10 – 4.00pm
Tuesday 22nd September	<i>Parent Event:</i> Sixth Form Drop In (Year 12 and 13)
Wednesday 23rd September	<i>Parent Event:</i> Student Support Clinic (Year 7,8 and 9)
Thursday 24th September	Open Evening for Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday 1st October	<i>Parent Event:</i> Supporting your child to success – homework and systems (Year 7, 8 and 9) <i>Parent Event:</i> Tutor Parents' Evening (Year 11)



Thursday 15th October	<i>Parent Event:</i> Supporting Revision, Workload and Coursework (Year 10 and 11)
Tuesday 20th October	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 21st October	<i>Parent Event:</i> Student Support Clinic (Year 10 and 11)
Thursday 22nd October	NE6 (Sixth Form) Open Evening
Friday 23rd October	Break up for October half term
Monday 9th November	All students start school, arrive by 8.30 for an 8.35 start

Finally, following the letter sent out in July, a reminder of a few key changes starting on Wednesday.

- Firstly, the **timings of the school day** are slightly different to last year:

	Monday	Tuesday - Friday
Arrival at the Academy	08:25am – 08:35 am	08:25am – 08:35 am
Registration	08:35am – 09:25 am	08:35am – 09:00 am
Period 1	09:25am – 10:20 am	09:00am – 10:00 am
Period 2	10:20am – 11:15 am	10:00am – 11:00 am
Break	11:15am – 11:30 am	11:00am – 11:15 am
Period 3	11:30am – 12:30 pm	11:15am – 12:20 pm
Lunch	12:30pm – 01:15 pm	12:20pm – 01:05 pm
Period 4	01:15pm – 02:15 pm	01:05pm – 02:10 pm
Period 5	02:15pm – 03:10 pm	02:10pm – 03:10 pm
End of school day	03:10pm	03:10pm

- Secondly, following government guidance, **mobile phones will not be allowed in school**. If your child brings a phone to school, they must be switched off and in their bags at all times during the school day. If they are seen, they will be confiscated and an adult will be required to collect them.

We look forward to welcoming students back and working together to ensure that every young person has a successful and rewarding year.

Thank you, as always, for your support of Ashington Academy.

Yours faithfully,

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