



2nd September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

### Start of Term 1 September 2025

Please find information regarding your child's pastoral team and the return to school for all year groups tomorrow. Our high standards and expectations regarding uniform are clearly explained in this letter and ALL students are expected to return to school in full uniform, without piercings, false nails or nail varnish. Thank you for your support.

### Pastoral Teams - Heads of Year & Student Support Managers (SSMs)

#### Key Stage 3

Key Stage Principal Mr Naylor		
	Head of Year	Student Support Manager
Yr 7	Miss Aldridge	Mrs Playford
Yr 8	Miss Abernethy	Mrs Adams
Yr 9	Miss Burnham	Mrs Webster

#### Key Stage 4

Key Stage Principal Miss Dawkins		
	Head of Year	Student Support Manager
Yr 10	Mr Tweddell	Mrs Butterfield
Yr 11	Mr Sullivan (Raising Standards Leader)	Mrs Playford

#### Key Stage 5

Head of 6th Form Miss Reeves
Deputy Head of 6th Form Mr Pyrke



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Wednesday 3rd September      All year groups in school

Thursday 4th September      School Photos

### Uniform and Equipment Expectations

We believe that an excellent uniform is part of setting high academic standards and encourages students' self-confidence. Upon return to school in September students' uniform should be worn correctly both in and out of school. **Under no circumstances should false nails, false eyelashes or jewellery be worn.** Students will remain in the Inclusion room until the offending item is removed (exceptions are items which are worn for a medical need).

Below is a reminder of uniform expectations:

#### Girls

- Black blazer with the school badge
- Pleated plaid skirt (note skirts must not be rolled up) or plain black trousers (must not be boot-cut, skinny legged, tight-fitting, jeans etc.)
- Plain black socks (to be worn under the knee and with no embellishments such as bows) or black tights
- Plain white shirt with collar (long or short sleeved)
- School tie (that conceals top button)
- Plain black leather shoes (not plimsolls, canvas shoes, trainers, sandals, or boots etc.)
- Sensible dark coloured coat (no hoodies, tracksuit tops or jumpers allowed)

#### Boys

- Black blazer with the school badge
- Plain black trousers - straight legged (must not be boot-cut, skinny legged, tight-fitting, jeans etc. Belt buckles must be moderate, plain and without logos)
- Plain white shirt with collar (long or short sleeved) that must be kept tucked in
- School tie (that conceals top button)
- Plain dark socks
- Plain, black, leather shoes (not plimsolls, canvas shoes, trainers, sandals or boots etc.)
- Sensible dark coloured coat (no hoodies, tracksuit tops or jumpers allowed)

Students are also expected to be equipped for school with the appropriate stationery. This includes a minimum of two black pens, a green pen, pencil and a ruler.





### **Nut Free School**

I would like to remind you that The Holmesdale School is a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We do have students and staff who have a severe nut allergy. We respectfully ask that you do not send your child into school with any products which contain nuts.

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Prebble  
Headteacher

