



THE WELLS ACADEMY

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24th August 2026

Dear Families

Start of term arrangements

As we approach the start of the new academic year, it is vital that all students return ready to make a strong start. The beginning of term is the ideal moment to establish good habits and a positive routine that will support success throughout the year.

You can play an important role in helping your child prepare. Returning to school requires a shift in routines, so we recommend resetting sleep schedules 3 – 5 days before term begins by gradually bringing bedtimes and wake-up times earlier. Reintroduce simple, effective routines such as preparing clothes the night before and eating breakfast at the table. Limiting screen time for at least an hour before bed will also support better sleep. A calm and well-organised first morning will help your child feel confident and ready to return.

The first day back is extremely important. Students will receive their timetables and be informed of any updates to expectations and academy routines. It is also an opportunity to reconnect with friends, meet new teachers and learn about the wide range of clubs and wider opportunities available this year. For Year 10 students, this first day marks the start of their GCSE courses, where key information about the structure and expectations of their subjects will be shared.

Missing the first day of the academic year has a significantly negative impact on students. It often leaves them feeling less prepared and can make catching up much more challenging. We understand the temptation to extend holidays, however, 'Miss School, Miss Out'! **The first days are crucial and cannot be replaced.** Please refer to our attendance flyer which can be found on page 14 and 15 of our Family Handbook for further information.

As we've done in previous years, we are staggering students' return to the academy. The table below indicates the date and time your child should return.

Tuesday 1st September 2026	Inset Day – no students in school
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Year 7 and Year 11 only – arrive at 8.20am
Thursday 3rd September 2026	All year groups – arrive at 8.20am
Friday 4th September 2026	All year groups – arrive at 8.20am

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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