



Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that following the issuing of a **Red Weather Warning** for extreme heat, the **school will be closed to all students on Wednesday 24th June and Thursday 25th June.**

A red weather warning indicates a high risk to health and safety. Current guidance highlights the potential for significant impacts, including heat-related illness, particularly in environments where temperature cannot be effectively controlled. Whilst we have a very small number of air-conditioned rooms, much of the school comprises south-facing, glass-fronted spaces, which is particularly susceptible to over-heating.

The **Red Weather Warning** is due to end on Thursday 25th June, and a significant drop in temperatures is forecast for Friday 26th June. Therefore, the school will be open as normal on Friday 26th June, and we look forward to welcoming students back then.

We would like to take the opportunity to **emphasise the importance of excellent attendance**, as this is key to a students' progress and success. However, this should always be balanced with safety. We therefore expect all students to return to the academy for 8.45am on Friday 26th June.

Please note:

- Work will be set via Sparx. We recommend that students complete this work during cooler parts of the day.
- Teachers will be available to email during the day should students require support with their work.

We strongly encourage all families to follow public health advice during this period of extreme heat:

- Drink plenty of fluids, particularly water, throughout the day
- Avoid drinking too much caffeine, or sugary drinks as they can make you more dehydrated
- Look out for warning signs of heat stroke which includes a headache and disorientation
- Stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day (11am to 3pm)
- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing and apply sunscreen when going outside
- Keep your living space cool by closing curtains or blinds on windows that face the sun
- Open windows when temperatures drop, especially overnight
- Use fans where possible, ensuring rooms are well ventilated

Please can we remind everyone about staying safe around open water. Rivers, lakes, canals and reservoirs may look inviting, but they can be extremely dangerous, even for strong swimmers. Sadly, lives are lost every year during periods of hot weather.

We thank you for your continued support and will continue to communicate with you regarding any changes. Please do stay safe during this extreme weather.

Yours Sincerely

Leigh Moore
Principal.