

11 May 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that this finds you well and that you are enjoying the return of the sunny weather after some very cold days over the last week! I am writing to provide some updates during this incredibly busy half term.

As you are aware, our uniform changes in September 2025 and, after the consultation and the release of guidance from the Department for Education, our new uniform will consist of a grey branded sweatshirt, white polo shirt, black trousers or skirt and black shoes or trainers. Current students will be able to wear their current uniform for one more year (2025-26) whilst new students will be required to wear the new uniform from September. I would like to stress that at this moment our current uniform rules apply and all students are requested to wear their blazer, slipover, shirt, tie and trousers / skirts on a daily basis. We have some stocks of uniform which students can borrow if they have forgotten one item but this has been well-used recently and I would be grateful if families could check for missing items of uniform at home and return school items as soon as possible. We are grateful for your support in ensuring that our students make us #ProudToBePindar every day.

Attendance remains our highest priority and we ask all students to strive for 100% attendance every week. Students who achieve 100% attendance are provided with a prize draw ticket and our next set of £100 voucher prizes will be drawn at the end of the half term. When students feel unwell in school, they need to communicate this to members of staff who can communicate with home when appropriate. It can cause unnecessary stress and delays when students communicate directly with home requesting that they are collected so please do remind your child that they should speak to their teacher during lesson time or to pastoral staff during social time.

In the coming weeks, all students in Years 7 - 10 will be completing their end-of-year assessments. For Year 7 - 9, these assessments are called Endpoints Assessments and sum up learning completed over the last year. Students will be provided with a revision list on Google Classroom and should look closely at the content covered. A separate email will share confirmed dates for students in the coming days. Attendance matters every day but never more so than during assessment periods so please encourage your child to be in school every day. A report will be sent home before the end of the year. Our Year 10 students will complete their first

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set of mock exams in June which provide a vital opportunity to review their progress after the first year of their GCSE courses. A timetable has been shared with students and we urge all students to attend all exams as these are hugely important in guiding revision for Year 11; a report will be shared before we break up in July so that families are aware of mock exam results and forecast grades for GCSEs 2026.

As you can see, the final half term will be very busy for all students and will also include athletics' fixtures, end-of-year rewards assemblies and our School Sports Days where the five houses in school will have the chance to compete for our House trophy. You can see more about our activities online by following George Pindar School on Facebook or Instagram, with highlights being shared in our half termly newsletter, the Pindar Postbag. I would like to thank you for your support in the year so far and look forward to the rest of the summer term where we can see our students strive for success.

Yours sincerely

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Lesley Welsh

Principal | George Pindar School

| Date | Year Group | Event |
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| 23.05.25 | All | End of half term 3.15pm |
| 02.06.25 | All | All students return to school 8.40am |
| 02.06.25 | 9 | Endpoints Assessments all week |
| 09.06.25 | 8 | Endpoints Assessments all week |
| 16.06.25 | 7 | Endpoints Assessments all week |
| 16.06.25 | 10 | Mock Exams all week |
| 23.06.25 | 10 | Mock Exams all week |
| 30.06.25 | 10 | Work Experience / Careers week |
| 18.07.25 | All | Sports Day End of term 3.15pm |