



Weekly Bulletin 6th July 2026

[Headteacher's message](#)

Uniform Update – September 2026

Following recent consultation with parents, staff and students, the Academy will begin a **phased move towards a more modern, practical and cost-conscious uniform.**

What's changing from September 2026 Blazer or jumper: Students may wear a blazer *or* an Academy logo jumper

Footwear: Plain black footwear now allowed, including **black trainers (no logos)**

What stays the same Shirts and ties Trousers and skirts PE kit and Forest School uniform

Appearance expectations A **slightly more flexible approach** will be introduced, including: Clear **KS3 / KS4 expectations** Natural false nails permitted (short, no embellishments) A **single nose stud allowed in KS4**

Why a phased approach? Consultation shows strong agreement to **reduce formality and improve comfort and affordability**, but there is **no single agreed final model yet**. A phased approach will: Avoid unnecessary cost for families Allow time for suppliers to adapt Ensure clear and consistent expectations for students

What happens next? 2026–27: Transitional year (initial changes in place) **Autumn 2026:** Further consultation on specific proposals **September 2027:** Full revised uniform introduced

Full details, including FAQs, was sent home last Tuesday.

[Consultation on our new Relationships and Sex Education \(RSE\) Policy](#) [Policy for consultation](#)

What's happening?

We're consulting with our school community on our new Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy, which will be introduced in September 2026.

Why are we doing this?

The Department for Education has updated the statutory guidance for relationships, sex and health education, which all schools must follow from September 2026. We want to make sure our new policy reflects the needs of our pupils and our school community, and we value your input in shaping how we teach these important topics.

Being transparent and proactive in engaging with you about what we teach in RSE helps us to:

- Build a shared understanding of the issues our young people face
- Make sure our curriculum is right for our pupils
- Give you confidence that we're supporting your child's safety and wellbeing
- Create a culture of respect and openness in our school

Parent focus group - 9th July

We're hosting a parent focus group where we can discuss the proposed policy together and hear your views. This will be an opportunity to:

- Understand what we'll be teaching and why
- Ask questions about the curriculum and resources we'll use
- Share your feedback and concerns
- Help shape the final policy

If you would like to attend, please email enquiries@ruralenterpriseacademy.com register your interest.

We'll keep the groups to around 8-10 people to make sure everyone has a chance to contribute, so please let us know as soon as possible if you'd like to take part.

Can't make the focus group?

If you're unable to attend the focus group but would still like to share your views or ask questions, please email with your feedback.

We'll also be sharing the proposed policy and further details about the consultation in the coming weeks, so you can review the materials in your own time.

What happens next?

After the consultation, we'll review all the feedback we receive and use it to finalise our policy. We'll then share the updated policy with you before it comes into effect in September.

Key Dates



12th July PGL Boreatton Park

13th July Year 10 work experience

17th July Last day of term

Wednesday 2nd September Autumn Term begins

Last Week of the Summer Term

A Busy and Exciting Final Week of Term

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, we have planned a range of activities designed to celebrate achievement, promote personal development and provide memorable experiences for our students. The week will include a variety of enrichment opportunities alongside our usual end-of-term celebrations.

Highlights of the week include:

- **Environmental Activities (14 July)** – Students will take part in practical, hands-on activities aimed at developing environmental awareness.
- **Enterprise and Careers Day (15 July)** – A dedicated day to help students explore enterprise skills and careers opportunities, while raising aspirations for the future.
- **Sports Day (16 July)** – One of the highlights of the school calendar, promoting participation, teamwork, healthy competition and school spirit. There will be opportunities for all students to get involved throughout the day.
- **Awards Assembly and End-of-Term Activities (17 July)** – We will finish the year by celebrating the achievements, effort and progress of our students before enjoying a mass end-of-term quiz together.

School will finish at 12:30

Our aim throughout the final week is to provide a well-structured, enjoyable and rewarding programme that celebrates the successes of the year while ensuring all students remain engaged in purposeful activities right up to the end of term.

We look forward to an exciting final week and thank parents and carers for their continued support throughout the year.

Working Together to Support Focus and Learning



At school, we are committed to helping every student feel comfortable, regulated and ready to learn.

Following discussions with students and consideration of current research, we have found that simple items such as **worry stone** or a small piece of **Blu Tack** are often the most effective at supporting concentration without becoming a distraction. As a result, we are simplifying our approach in school.

Recently, we have noticed an increase in students bringing toys and novelty fidget items into school and placing them on their desks. Unfortunately, these can distract students from learning and have sometimes led to disagreements between students. We are also concerned about squeeze toys and similar items that can pop or break, as these can present a safety risk.

From 2nd September 2026, students who feel they benefit from a **worry stone** or a small piece of **Blu Tack** may bring these to use in lessons.

We will also have these available in classrooms for any student who needs them, so there is no expectation for families to provide them. We ask that all other fidget toys, novelty items and desk toys remain at home.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a calm, safe and focused learning environment for all students. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the SEND team at sen@ruralenterpriseacademy.com.

Mrs. Fiddler


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Equipment Checklist 2026–27

READY TO LEARN EVERY DAY

Students should bring the following essential equipment to school every day.

Writing Equipment

 2 black or blue pens

 2 pencils

 Green self/peer assessment pen


 30cm ruler

 Eraser


 sharpener

 Glue stick

Learning Equipment

 Reading book

 Scientific calculator


 Maths set (including protractor and compass)

Be Prepared

Having the correct equipment every day helps students:

- Be ready to learn from the start of every lesson

- Work independently and confidently
- Fully participate in classroom activities
- Achieve their best

 **Equipment checks will take place regularly and tutors will follow up where items are missing.**