



Weekly Bulletin 13th July 2026

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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.

Key Dates



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:

- **Year 10 work experience - all week**
- **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.

Meet Grace: Mental Health Support for Students and Families at The Rural Enterprise Academy

GRACE YOUR EMHP!



Show

We are delighted to introduce **Grace**, our **Trainee Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)** from the Seisdon Mental Health Support Team (MHST).

Grace works alongside students, families and staff to promote positive mental health and wellbeing across our school community. Through MHST, students can access support for challenges such as anxiety, low mood, exam stress, sleep difficulties, emotional regulation and coping strategies.

Benefits of MHST support include:

- Early intervention and support
- Practical tools and coping strategies
- Improved confidence and emotional resilience
- Support for parents and carers
- A collaborative approach between home, school and mental health professionals

"We're committed to building a mentally healthy school environment, helping all members of the school community to feel confident, resilient and independent around their mental wellbeing."

For further information, please see the resources below and keep an eye on **Class Charts** and the school's **Facebook page** for updates, support and wellbeing advice.

If you would like to discuss support for your child or find out more about the referral process, please contact our SEND team at **sen@ruralenterpriseacademy.com**.

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.**

Holiday activities; HAF and SPACE schemes Summer 2026

At Chill Out Clubs, the fun never stops! Offering a wide range of activities from creative arts, dance, drama, cooking, health and wellbeing to music and djing, sport, nature, technology, electronics, and gaming, and many more...

Our passionate and dedicated volunteers provide a warm, safe, and supportive environment where young people can discover new interests, hang out with friends and make new ones, learn new skills, build their confidence and discuss any concerns.

Where they can improve their health and wellbeing and be empowered into the next stage of life.

We operate all year round 2 sessions per evening (5 evenings per week).

Over the summer, will be running 2 sessions per evening: (6 evenings per week), sessions (including a meal) will be provided for FREE as part of the HAF and SPACE schemes.

Our groups are split into 2 age ranges:

Juniors – age 8 -13 (6pm – 8pm)

Seniors – age 12-17 (7:30pm – 9:30pm)

7:30pm – 8pm will give time to eat the provided healthy meal.

TUESDAY (Cannock) @ Cannock Chase Family Hub

WEDNESDAY (Codsall) @ Trinity Methodist Church

THURSDAY (Stafford) @ Stafford Family Hub

FRIDAY (Great Wyrley) @ Great Wyrley Scout and Guide Centre

SATURDAY (Codsall) @ Trinity Methodist Church

SUNDAY (Stafford) @ Stafford Family Hub

We work with young volunteers age 14+ and adult volunteers age 18+ and people can also get in contact to be potential volunteers, should they wish too.

Clubs are open to both universal provision and for those with SEN/SEMH and other additional needs.

All our Lead youth workers hold youth work and other qualifications, with some working in the youth sector for over 30 years, in a variety of roles.

All staff and volunteers are enhanced DBS checked.

Holiday Activities; West Midland Bird Club Young Birders Academy

West Midland Bird Club Young Birders Academy has let us know about a free opportunity for pupils aged **9–13** who have an interest in birds, wildlife, nature or conservation.

The Academy is designed to help young people develop their bird identification skills, learn more about migration and conservation, and spend time outdoors with experienced birdwatchers. The programme includes **weekly online sessions** and **monthly field visits** to local nature reserves and wildlife sites. Parents/carers attend the field visits with pupils, and all sessions are supported by knowledgeable volunteers from West Midland Bird Club.

The Academy is completely **free of charge** and aims to encourage young people to explore, learn and conserve the natural world around them.

For more information, or to register interest, families can contact:

tutor@westmidlandbirdclub.org.uk