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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are having a restful and enjoyable summer break.

I am really excited to begin what promises to be the most amazing year yet at our school. There is a real sense of excitement among staff, and we can't wait to see the children back in classrooms, corridors, and playgrounds, ready to learn, grow, and thrive when they all return on Thursday this week.

A special congratulations goes to our Class of 2025 Year 11 students, who worked so hard last year and achieved fantastic results over the summer. We are so proud of them and look forward to hearing about the exciting adventures that lay ahead for them in their next steps. We are also very proud of that our new CEO Tom Leverage gave a special mention to Thomas Hall school when addressing the whole Trust, acknowledging the achievements of Primary staff and students.

Below is a brief overview of the first day back for each phase of school. Timings for students at pick up and drop off remain the same, but there will be some slight changes to the first few lessons for the first day of term.

Our main school gates will open at 08:30 and children should arrive through the West Garth Road entrance to the school, Primary pupils no later than 08:45 and Secondary no later than 09:00. New Year 2 pupils are able to be accompanied by their parents through the gates of West Garth for our first week. Special arrangements will continue for families who need to access accessibility parking at the front of Thomas Hall.

Over the coming days we will be writing to share updates on some of the procedures that we have been developing over recent months, particularly our enhanced trauma-informed Behaviour Framework for pupils, our new Enrichment Week and curriculum enhancement opportunities as well as our Homework Programme for Secondary pupils and guidance for the use of knowledge organisers.

Primary Phase (Years 1–6)

Time	Activity	Details
08:45	Arrival – Gates open at 08:30	Pupils go straight to classrooms for a morning activity
08:45– 09:10	Welcome with Class Teacher	Settling in, register, overview of the day
09:10– 09:15	Transition to Assembly	Teachers escort pupils to the hall
09:15– 09:45	Primary Assembly	Whole-school welcome, behaviour expectations, routines led by Mr Arnold, Mrs Webster, Ms Wood
09:45– 10:45	Class Time – Expectations	Class rules, routines, timetables
10:45– 11:05	Break	Supervised outdoor play
From 11:05	Normal Timetable	Lessons resume as per usual
15:15	Dismissal	Usual end-of-day routine

Secondary Phase (Years 7–11)

Time	Activity	Details
09:00	Arrival	Students go directly to tutor rooms
09:00– 09:45	Tutor Time	Expectations, behaviour framework, learning pack distribution (biometric data collection for Year 7)
09:45– 10:15	KS3 Assembly (Years 7–9)	Mr Arnold, Mrs Webster and Miss Lewis
09:45– 10:15	KS4 Key Dates (Years 10–11)	Mock weeks, assessments, timetables
10:15– 10:45	Years 10 and 11 Assembly	Tailored welcome and expectations
10:45– 11:35	Tutor Time (continued)	Timetables, planners, Q&A, settling in
11:35– 12:05	Break	
From 12:05	Normal Timetable	Lessons resume as per usual
15:30	Dismissal	End-of-day routine

We're looking forward to a year filled with learning, laughter, and achievement. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need support as we begin the term.

Yours sincerely,



Phil Arnold
Headteacher