



Thursday, 17 July 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of the Summer term, we have once again collated all key information related to end of year arrangements for your child and also key notices for September.

Friday 18th July

School finishes at 1.10pm on 18th July for the end of the Summer term. All students will have access to lunch before departing. Local buses and transport providers have been made aware of this, and services amended to ensure that students continue their usual routines to begin their summer break.

Buses – 18.07.25

The Dunswell and Little Weighton buses will arrive at school for 1.10pm along with any school transport taxis. There will be one EYMS number 45 bus arriving in the bus bay at the same time. All other public buses are due to arrive at the Lawns around the following times:

56 - 1.20pm

45 - 1.25pm

104 - 1.30pm

Key dates for Autumn Term 1

Wednesday 3rd September- Return of Year 7 and 11

Thursday 4th September- All year groups on site

Friday 24th – 31st October -Half Term

September 2025

Below you will find some key links and key dates for your information. For the 25/26 academic year, we can accommodate morning meetings up until 9.10am, and from 3.05 onwards. During the school day our staff are committed to supporting students, so meeting slots during the school day are allocated only in exceptional circumstances. We also have the regular Leadership drop ins, and we welcome the opportunity for you to book into these. The first drop-in session will be Wednesday 24th September between 3.30pm and 5.00pm. We will invite you to book an appointment on our return to school if you wish to talk to a member of the leadership team.

Catering

As previously communicated, from September, all schools within The Consortium Academy Trust will be catered by Caterlink, our new supplier. One of the benefits of the new catering team is their focus on sit down menus and a plated service. This will also feed into our commitment to reduce waste and reduce our footprint on the local environment.

*Please note: Cottingham High School is a **nut-free school**, so please ensure packed lunches do not contain any nuts or nut-based products.*

Uniform

Please see the uniform guidance link below for detailed information on our uniform expectations. As the weather turns colder, a reminder that students wishing to wear an outer layer should wear a waterproof outdoor coat which is suitable for wet and cold weather- hoodies are not part of our uniform. Please can you also remind students that any holiday piercings/ nails should be removed prior to the start of the new academic year.

Equipment

Full equipment lists are available on the school website; please see the link below. In line with our teaching and learning framework, students will utilise a purple and green pen when assessing their work. Staff will have classrooms sets of these stationery items, but we would encourage students to all have their own in addition.

Arbor

Arbor is an important resource for engagement with information for your child. This is a key tool in tracking aspects of your child's day to day experience at school as a parent portal. Please find the link below for the Arbor information and guide related to usage across multiple different platforms. We are aiming for communication to come through the Arbor app so that we can ensure all communications are time stamped and responded to in a timely manner- a consultation with parents will occur related to this in September to ensure that we have the most effective protocol for all parties. After a busy year at the school, we hope that a well-deserved rest over the summer holidays will give you and your child an opportunity to start the 25/26 year on a positive note.

Launch of New PTA

We're excited to announce that Cottingham High School will be starting a Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). A strong PTA helps to build a vibrant school community and creates more opportunities for our students.

In September, we'll be in touch with more information about how you can get involved. Whether you can offer time, ideas, or support in any form, we'd love to hear from you! If you're interested in helping us get started, please stay tuned, we'll be inviting parents and carers to take part in shaping our new PTA. Louise Fox, Associate Assistant Headteacher will be the link to the PTA.

Home School Agreement

At Cottingham High School, we know that student success comes from a strong partnership between school staff, students, and parents.

Last year, you signed our Home School Agreement, which outlines the expectations and values we all share as part of the Cottingham culture.

We're now inviting all families to refresh their understanding of the agreement to ensure we continue working together in the best interests of our students. Please click on the link below to access the Home School Agreement. Thank you for your support!

Key Links

Uniform guidance: [Cottingham High School - Uniform](#)

Home School Agreement: [Cottingham High School - Home School Agreement](#)

Safeguarding information: [Cottingham High School - Safeguarding](#)

Arbor app link: [Cottingham High School - Arbor App](#)

Catering link: [Cottingham High School - Catering](#)

Term dates: [Cottingham High School - Term Dates](#)

Times of the Day: [Cottingham High School - School day - 2025/26](#)

We hope all our students and families have a wonderful, restful summer break!

Yours sincerely



Mr Jay Kerby
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