

8 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Last day of term

School closes on Friday 18 July 2025 for the summer holidays. School will finish at an earlier time of 1.30pm.

All students are to arrive in full correct school uniform for their normal timetabled lessons from Period 1 to Period 3, followed by lunch at 12.40pm. They will attend form groups at 1.10pm for afternoon registration then be dismissed at 1.30pm.

The High Green/Chapelton buses have been arranged to accommodate this earlier finish time of 1.30pm. Please note there will not be a late bus and there will be sufficient transport to get all students home at this time.

We would like to say thank you and goodbye to some members of staff who are leaving us this term:

- Mr Mallaband – Assistant Headteacher
- Mrs Drayson, DDSL/PE
- Miss Smith, English
- Mrs Bradshaw, Technology
- Miss White, English

'Belonging' is a fundamental part of what we believe in at Stocksbridge High School. As we move into the next academic year, and following feedback from our stakeholders, students and parents, we have reviewed how form time and Form Tutors are allocated to each year group. We are moving to a system where Form Tutors will remain with their form groups, where practicably possible, from Y7 through to Y11. This will enable students to build positive relationships with their Form Tutor, having a 'go-to' person, knowing they are staying with them throughout their whole school life. A small number of changes will naturally happen this year due to departing staff and contracts changing.

On behalf of the staff at Stocksbridge High School I would like to thank you and your families for their continued support throughout the last academic year. I would also like to personally thank the students, parents, carers and staff for welcoming me into the school community during my first term.

School resumes for all students on Wednesday 3 September 2025 at 8.40am and I will write to you shortly about the arrangements for the start of the next term.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D Williams
Headteacher

*Please see overleaf information regarding support over the summer holidays

Support for Families and Young People

During the summer holidays there are several local organisations based in Stocksbridge offering family support and activities. This includes Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre who will be running holiday sports camps and 'kids & teens' activities. Stocksbridge Library also runs summer events such as craft workshops and road safety sessions.

Students also have access to a mental health app called KOOTH. This is a free, safe, and anonymous digital mental health and wellbeing platform to support young people; www.kooth.com

Beat – Support and Information about eating disorders – 0808 8010677.
www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk

Calm Harm App – An award winning, free app to support people to overcome feelings of anxiety and self harm. Featured on the NHS digital app library and found in the Apple and Play store.

Childline – 0800 1111
Childline provides a free counselling service for young people up to their 19th birthday.

Cruse Bereavement – 0808 8081677
Cruse offers support, information and advice when someone dies.

GASPED - 0845 146 0002 (24-hour confidential helpline).
GASPED is a registered charity established in 1995 offering information, advice, help and support for the parents, partners, families and carers who care for or are affected by a loved one's drug and/or alcohol misuse.

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000 for adults concerned about a child or 0800 1111 to speak to Childline if you are a young person.

Place2Be – Mental Health Charity. www.place2be.org.uk Provides resources for parents, including supporting your child starting primary and secondary school.

Samaritans – 116 123 (Helpline)