

14 July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

## September 2025

In preparation for the new academic year, I write to you with information on the following:

### All students will return to school on Wednesday 3 September 2025 at 8.40am

There will be assemblies and time with Form Tutors throughout the morning followed by usual timetabled lessons. We will return on week 1 of the new timetable.

### School day

The school day will remain the same format. The only slight change is that lunches will now be:

1<sup>st</sup> Lunch 12.40pm – Y7, Y9, Y11

2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch 1.40pm – Y8, Y10

This is to accommodate the examinations for Year 11 students.

### New Staff

We will be welcoming the following new staff in September:

Mr Taylor – Assistant Headteacher (Behaviour)

Mr Clark – Assistant Headteacher (Outcomes)

Mrs Saccomando – Safeguarding Manager

Mr Hale – Internal Alternative Provision Manager

Mrs Wood – Subject Leader of Art

Miss Bell – Technology teacher

Mr Caines – Maths teacher

Mrs Dunwell – English teacher

Mr Middleton – English teacher

Miss Stuart – Science teacher

### Term dates

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Wednesday 3 September – Friday 24 October 2025 <i>Please note that there is an INSET day on Friday 26 September 2025</i> Monday 3 November – Friday 19 December 2025 <i>Please note that there is an INSET day on Friday 28 November 2025</i>
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Monday 5 January – Friday 13 February 2026 Monday 23 February – Friday 27 March 2026
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Monday 13 April – Friday 22 May 2026 Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July 2026

## Meet the Tutor Event, Thursday 18 September 2025

We warmly invite you to join us at our first Form Tutor information support event at Stocksbridge High School. We look forward to sharing as much information as possible about the year ahead, so that you are in the best position to support your child throughout the academic year and beyond. We also believe that your child's Form Tutor is the key person in school with whom you will communicate throughout your child's journey at Stocksbridge High School. In September we will be providing you with a breakdown of what we will offer on our Meet the Tutor evening, and how you can book your slot to meet your child's Form Tutor, as well as speak to key staff in the school.

## Mobile phone policy

Please refer to our letter enclosed identifying the need for a mobile phone relaunch in the new academic year and an outline of our school policy of becoming a phone-free school.

## Uniform

Uniform standards will be strictly upheld in line with our uniform policy.

The only change to our uniform policy will be:

**You can only wear one small stud earring in each ear**

## *Pinders Uniform*

If you have ordered uniform to be delivered to school, you will need to collect these items before we break up for the school holidays on Friday 18 July 2025. There will not be a reception service during the school holidays. Any uniform exchanges will need to be made directly with Pinders. Pinders have a dedicated store for Stocksbridge High School uniform.

## Student absence

If your child is absent or late to school you must: - Contact the school every day that your child is absent before 8am either by telephone to our absence line 0114 2883153 option 1 or by e-mail to [attendance@stocksbridge-mlt.co.uk](mailto:attendance@stocksbridge-mlt.co.uk). If you haven't notified us of the reason, you will receive a text message from our system. This will be sent from the following number – 07860 040436. The message will read: - (your child's name) is marked absent today from school. Please reply urgently with the reason for the absence. SHS. Please respond on 01142883153 option 1 or via the attendance email above. We suggest that you save the mobile number as a contact on your mobile phone.

School must be informed in advance if a child has a medical appointment, especially if they will either be late for school or need to leave site early. Please e-mail [attendance@stocksbridge-mlt.co.uk](mailto:attendance@stocksbridge-mlt.co.uk) and attach evidence.

Any student arriving after 8.40am must enter the school through the main visitor reception and sign in.

## Buses

### NEW 778 BUS

Any student who catches the school bus outside Morrisons at Ecclesfield please note this stop will now be serviced by the new bus 778 at the time shown on the timetable. Please arrive at all stops at least 5 minutes before.

The new stops are detailed below.

Ecclesfield Morrisons supermarket- The common	07:40	16:30
Grenoside Halifax Road-Wheel Lane (The bus can be requested to stop on any stop down Halifax road although these are not timetabled)	07:47	16:23
Middlewood Langsett Avenue	07:59	16:10
Middlewood Middlewood road Winn Gardens	08:02	16:07
Middlewood Middlewood Road North – Stockarth Lane	08:06	16:03
Oughtibridge Langsett road South – Birch House	08:10	15:59
Oughtibridge Langsett road South -Holmesfield road	08:13	15:52
Oughtibridge Langsett road North- Millenium green	08:16	15:49
Wharncliffe Side Main Road -Langsett road North	08:20	15:45
Wharncliffe Side Main road – Green lane	08:22	15:43
Wharncliffe Side Main road – Brightholmlee Lane	08:25	15:40
Stocksbridge High School	08:35	15:20

The 777 Bus will operate as normal just missing out the Morrison's stop

Please note there will be no minibus from September, so all students need to get on the coaches, including those who get on at Thompson Hill.

Chapelton, Ecclesfield Road, adj Park View Road	7.59am
Chapelton, Lound Side, opp Belmont Avenue	8.00am
Chapelton, opp Bridge Inn Road	8.02am
High Green, Greengate Lane, nr School Road	8.05am
High Green, Foster Way, nr Cottam Road	8.08am
High Green, Thompson Hill, adj Hague Lane	8.10am
Stocksbridge High School	8.30am

At the end of this letter, you will find emergency and support contact details for the summer holidays.

In addition, if students, parents or carers need to contact the school in an emergency, they may do so by emailing [safeguarding@stocksbridge-mlt.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stocksbridge-mlt.co.uk)

Be safe, be happy, and have a wonderful summer holiday.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Williams  
Headteacher

### 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](http://www.kooth.com)

**Beat** – Support and Information about eating disorders – 0808 8010677.  
[www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk](http://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](http://www.place2be.org.uk) Provides resources for parents, including supporting your child starting primary and secondary school.

**Samaritans** – 116 123 (Helpline)

## The Stocksbridge Way: School Uniform



**We are proud to be a uniform school. Our uniform provides:**

- A sense of identity and belonging to the Stocksbridge school community.
- Cost-effective clothing that removes the social and financial pressures of fashion trends.
- Professional clothing, that prepares students for their future careers.
- Allows staff to clearly identify Stocksbridge students at all times and keep them safe.



**V-neck school jumper or cardigan with school badge**

**Plain white shirt – short or long sleeved**



**Plain black trousers**  
Must be tailored and professional in appearance, suitable for a workplace. We deem this to include a waistband, button and a zip.

or



**Plain black skirt**  
Must be tailored and professional in appearance, suitable for a workplace. We deem this to be knee length and loose fitting.



**A School Tie**

**Plain black tailored knee length shorts and plain black socks**



**Plain black footwear**  
All visible parts of the shoe must be black. Leather or leather look trainers, **no canvas or fabric material, no other colours or branding**

## The Stocksbridge Way: Jewellery

For health and safety reasons there is a limit to the amount of jewelry that can be worn this includes :

- ☐ One watch
- ☐ One small ring
- ☐ One pair of small/stud earrings (no bigger than 10mm)
- ☐ One bracelet

### Items not permitted:

- ☐ Necklace (unless tucked away)
- ☐ Hooped earrings or bars
- ☐ Make-up must be natural and discreet
- ☐ No fake eyelashes or fake nails
- ☐ Excessive facial piercings

## Uniform is not...



Hoodies of any type



Non-uniform jumpers of any sort



Chinos or jeans



Leggings or sportswear



Cargo shorts, denim shorts, cycling shorts, sports shorts



Any footwear with coloured logos or soles, of any type. Footwear must be sturdy, and safe for a place of work.

All students who arrive in school without the planner, or not wearing full school uniform, then they will be directed to a member of our pastoral team.

Staff will supportively work through the following process to ensure all students are Ready for school each day:

- 1) Provide a "day planner" if they require one
- 2) Facilitate a phone call home to check if an item of school uniform can be brought into school that day
- 3) Provide a replacement item of school uniform that the student can loan for that day
- 4) If students refuse to address a uniform issue they will be directed to our consequence room



If you experiencing difficulties obtaining any item that is required as part of our uniform, please contact the relevant pastoral office for your child