

23rd October 2025

Dear Families,

I am writing with my end-of-term update for the first term of the 2025-26 academic year. We're thrilled with the positive start to the year that our students have made, especially those who have joined us this September in Year 7, Year 12 or across our other year groups.

## Exam results: school performance tables

Last week saw the publication of the [school performance tables](#) based on the 2025 GCSE results. We're delighted to confirm that, following reviews of marking, the class of 2025 have now edged ahead of the class of 2018 to record the **best attainment 8 score in the Academy's history!** The score of 50.2 places us amongst the highest performing schools in North Somerset, and puts us into the [top 10 schools across Somerset, Bath & North East Somerset and North Somerset](#).

We're especially pleased with the [outcomes in English and Maths GCSEs for disadvantaged students](#) in last year's Year 11. 51.6% of disadvantaged students achieved a grade 4 or above, and 29% achieved a grade 5 or above in both English and Maths GCSEs. These scores are comfortably the **best in North Somerset** across both measures. We're delighted that students eligible for free school meals get the best possible springboard into the next stage of their education, employment or training here at Churchill Academy & Sixth Form.

## Information about our curriculum

Following on from our curriculum information evenings earlier in the year, the curriculum pages of the Academy website have been fully updated with the latest information. If you visit <https://www.churchill-academy.org/curriculum> you will find an overview of our curriculum plan. At the bottom of that page, you will also find a series of curriculum booklets, one for each year group in the main school, providing detailed information about the programme of study in

each subject throughout this academic year. Information about the Sixth Form curriculum can be found on the [Sixth Form Course List](#) page.

## Parent-friendly schools accreditation



We know that education is most successful when parents and the school work together in the common interests of our students - your children. That is why we've partnered with ParentKind, a national charity aimed at giving those with a parenting role a voice in education, to help shape and strengthen our partnership working with our parent community.

The first step on that journey has been to work with ParentKind towards becoming an accredited "parent-friendly school," and I'm delighted to confirm that we have been awarded our accreditation this week!

Following this award, we are now working with the team at ParentKind to develop an action plan to further improve our partnership with parents, and create resources that empower you to support your children's education and strengthen our community still further. More to follow as the year progresses!

## Open evenings and admissions applications

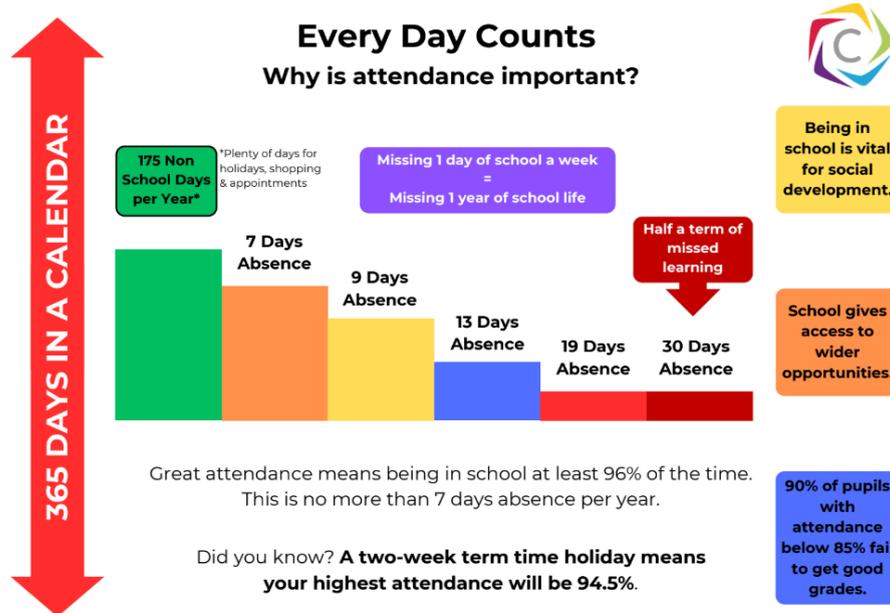
We have held two very successful open evenings over the course of Term 1. Firstly, in September, we held an evening for those interested in joining Year 7, and more recently, our Sixth Form Open Evening. Applications to join Year 7 need to be made by Friday 31st October 2025 via your child's home local authority ([see our website for more information](#)).

Applications for Churchill Sixth Form are open now to all students in Year 11. The "early bird" application deadline, to maximise the chance of getting the subject combination you want, is Monday 5th January 2026. For further details and a link to the application form, please visit

<https://www.churchill-academy.org/apply-to-the-sixth-form>.

# Attendance matters

Almost 450 students have managed to maintain 100% attendance for Term 1, showing great determination and commitment to their education. Well done to all of them! Attendance at school remains the single biggest factor influencing the attainment and progress of our young people, so please continue to support them by doing all you can at home to ensure good attendance.



## INSET days: extended half term

Please remember that the Academy is closed to students on Friday 24th October and Monday 3rd November due to INSET days, giving our students a well-deserved extended half term break.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 4th November, for a timetable week 1, when Year 11 will begin their first set of formal mock exams.

Thank you for all your support across Term 1,

Yours sincerely,

Chris Hildrew, Headteacher