

# THE PIGGOTT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As this academic year closes, I have been reflecting on how I could make my end of year letter more interesting for the reader. Rather than a traditional style of letter, celebrating the brilliance of the Piggott School Community, it was suggested that I write in the style of a post Lioness match debrief recognising the achievement of the players (students), the unrelenting support of the fans (parents) and the expertise and dedication of the 'back room staff' (teaching and support staff). It might have been fun, emulating the leadership of Sarina Wiegman, but you'll be pleased to know that I have decided to opt for the safer option and share my pride with you in the normal way.

When I reflect on this year, I am filled with fulfilment and gratitude for everything our school community has achieved together. Whether it be in the classroom, in social time or during one of our varied co-curricular activities, we know that there will have been many life lessons, friendships formed and challenges overcome. For some of our students, disconnecting from their phones at school has been hard but I am proud that the students have embraced this and can see the benefit that it brings. Each member of our school community has their own story to tell, focused on achievements, dreams, plans and worries. From time to time, we will all need help to carry the weight and pressure of that story but I want our young people to know that it is good to ask for help. To try new things takes courage but without that, there is no growth or progress to be made. Our staff provide learning moments every day and I remain in awe of how our students take opportunity, show resilience and demonstrate determination on the journey of life.

Learning beyond the classroom, both on and off site, is a crucial part of our curriculum. The summer term is 'events season' and it is jam packed with adventure. This term has seen trips to Design Ventura, Tall Ships, China, Rushall Farm, Marwell Zoo, Kew, Holland and Slapton to name but a few. We have enjoyed student success in the Leadership Programme, the Art Exhibition and our Summer Concert. This term has also seen our Year 10 and 12 students experience the world of work, impressing our partners in industry and securing some exciting future job opportunities. Excellence and dedication were recognised for those students who received prizes in our KS3 and Sports Awards. I am humbled by the commitment of our staff who enable all of this enrichment to take place. It makes Piggott a very special learning environment.

A highlight for me this year has been the creation of our new Reflection and Wellbeing Garden. The project has been led superbly by Mr Stone, Head of PRE and I am delighted that his ambitious vision has now come to fruition. The garden is designed to be a space for contemplation, mindfulness, stillness and learning and I have been really pleased to see staff and students already using it in this way. We desperately needed somewhere that could offer some tranquillity within what can be a really busy environment. Our garden is now in place for all of our community. Thank you to all of the friends and partners of the school who supported us with planting, sponsorship and donations. Your support was invaluable in making it happen and I look forward to the official opening in September.



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The building work and renovation in our school this year has been really exciting. In October, we opened three brand new specialist Science labs, making a real difference to the learning in this curriculum area. In January, four brand new netball courts were opened, providing a much needed 'all-weather' outside provision for the PE department. More recently, a brand-new cricket wicket has been installed, in partnership with WCC and Berkshire Cricket, and we have completed a full renovation of our in-house fitness suite. This has directly improved the learning experience for all pupils. In the autumn term, we will be preparing to move into our brand-new school hall and dining facility that is due to open in January 2026. I will write in the new term and share more details closer to the time, but I am confident that the students will be really impressed by the design, construction and beautiful learning and dining space that it provides.

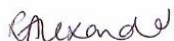
Excellent facilities are key for learning in a school but the most important resource is our staff. This afternoon, we will say farewell to a small number of much valued colleagues who will be looking towards new adventures in September. Every day, I feel incredibly grateful for the team that we have at The Piggott School. I can state with confidence that we have some of the very best teachers and support staff in the country and their unrelenting commitment to the students, and their families, ensures that everyone is seen, heard and valued. We are a family and I will continue to focus my leadership on nurturing and supporting the strong relationships and partnerships that we have created in our school. In September, we welcome our newest members of the community and I am excited to see what this will bring.

Please find below the arrangements for the start of the new year:

4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Year 7 arrive for 8.30am and enjoy their first day with us. Year 12 attend for enrolment only.	(Week 1)
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Year 7 – 11 and Year 13 attend normal tutor time and lessons. (Year 12 are not in on this day)	(Week 1)
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	All year groups in school for normal tutor time and lessons	(Week 2)

I hope that you are able to enjoy some relaxation and recuperation this summer break. Thank you for your ongoing support and I will look forward to welcoming the students back in September.

Yours faithfully



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