



Monday, 22 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: School Site Closure 24 and 25 June

I am writing to inform you that, in line with the Met Office's Red Weather Warning for extreme heat and in accordance with national government guidance, the school site will be closed on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June.

As a result, all Enrichment Week activities scheduled for these two days will be cancelled. We are currently liaising with our insurers to clarify our position regarding any possible refunds for activities that cannot take place.

A Red Weather Warning signifies a significant risk to life as well as the likelihood of serious disruption. The Met Office and government agencies advise that people should avoid unnecessary travel, remain in safe environments, and take proactive steps to protect themselves and others from the effects of extreme heat. Schools are advised to consider closure where conditions may pose a risk to the health and safety of students and staff, particularly in buildings that are not designed to withstand prolonged high temperatures.

In making this decision, we have also considered the risks associated with travel to and from school, including journeys on public and school transport. As we cannot guarantee access to air-conditioned vehicles for all students, either for their commute or for off-site activities, this has been an important factor in determining that closure is the safest course of action.

Year Group Specific Update

Year 7: no Enrichment Week activities on or off site on Wednesday or Thursday.

Year 8: no Enrichment Week activities on or off site on Wednesday or Thursday.

Year 9: PGL will proceed as planned at Osmington Bay, as the location lies outside the Red Weather Warning area and is instead within an Amber warning zone. We have been in close contact with PGL, who have confirmed that they are satisfied for the trip to go ahead. They have robust, heat-specific safety measures in place to ensure the wellbeing of both students and staff throughout the visit. There will be no Enrichment Week activities taking place either on site or off site on Wednesday or Thursday for Year 9 students who are not participating in the trip.

Year 10: Work Experience will continue as planned for each student at their designated placement. However, if a placement is closed due to the Red Weather Warning, students should remain at home and must not come into school, as the site will also be closed. This reflects wider guidance advising against unnecessary travel during red warnings, where conditions may pose a risk to health and safety,

particularly when travelling in extreme heat. Students are expected to maintain communication with their placement provider to confirm arrangements for these two days and to ensure they are following any specific guidance provided by their employer.

Year 12: Future Careers Week will be paused for Wednesday and Thursday with no activities taking place.

I appreciate that this decision may be disappointing for some students and families; however, the safety and wellbeing of our school community must remain my highest priority. Having carefully considered the forecast rise in temperatures alongside government guidance, I am confident that this is the most appropriate and responsible course of action for our community.

Students may wish to use the time productively by completing any outstanding work, revising for upcoming assessments, reading, or further developing their learning through resources such as podcasts, TED Talks, or The Oak National Academy.

We look forward to welcoming students back for the final day of Enrichment Week on Friday 26th June, when they will follow their planned timetables as scheduled.

As a final reminder, we encourage all students to take sensible precautions while the school is closed. Please stay well hydrated, avoid being outdoors during the hottest parts of the day, and keep cool wherever possible. We would also strongly advise students to stay away from cold water, such as rivers, lakes, or the sea, as sudden immersion can be dangerous, particularly in extreme heat.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep our community safe. We recognise that this is particularly disappointing given the significance of Enrichment Week, and this decision has not been made lightly.

Yours sincerely,

Will Penny
Headteacher