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28th August 2026

Dear Parents,

As we begin the 2026–27 academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our students and families back to Campsmount Academy. I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer.

Before looking ahead, I would like to reflect on another successful year for our school community. Congratulations to our Year 11 students on their positive GCSE results. Their hard work, resilience and commitment have enabled them to move on to the next stage of their education, apprenticeships and employment. We are incredibly proud of everything they achieved and wish them every success for the future.

Last year saw continued improvement across the academy. Absence improved, suspensions further reduced, and more students engaged positively in school life than ever before. These achievements reflect the commitment of our students, staff and families and demonstrate what can be achieved when we work together with shared expectations and a common purpose.

As we move into the new academic year, our focus remains firmly on continuous improvement. We are committed to ensuring every student feels safe, valued and supported while also being challenged to achieve their very best. At the heart of our vision is a strong sense of belonging, where every student feels proud to be part of Campsmount, knows they are valued and understands that they have an important role to play within our school community.

High expectations will continue to underpin everything we do. Excellent attendance, positive behaviour, smart uniform and a commitment to learning are fundamental to student success. We know that attending school every day gives students the very best chance of achieving their potential, developing positive relationships and preparing successfully for their future.

For our new Year 11 students, this is a particularly important year as they prepare for their GCSE examinations and the next stage of their education or training. To support them in achieving the very best outcomes, Period 6 will be compulsory for all Year 11 students every Thursday from 3:00pm until 4:00pm, starting on Thursday 10th September 2026**.** We appreciate the support of parents and carers in ensuring students attend these important additional sessions each week. More information will be provided in the first week of term.

Our ambition is for Campsmount Academy to be at the heart of our community, a school that families are proud to be part of and where every student is known, supported and encouraged to succeed. The partnership between home and school is essential in achieving this, and I would like to thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure every young person receives the opportunities, guidance and encouragement they need to flourish.

Start of Term Information

Item	Details
INSET Day	Tuesday 1st September 2026 – School closed to students.
First Day of Term	Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – All students return for an 8:30am start in full academy uniform and with the correct equipment.

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School Opening Time	School opens at 8:15am. Students should arrive between 8:15am and 8:25am to ensure a calm and punctual start to the day.
Uniform Expectations	Students should wear full academy uniform, including academy blazer and tie, white shirt tucked in, academy skirt or black trousers, and plain black leather school shoes. Hoodies, extreme hairstyles or colours, false nails, false eyelashes and jewellery are not permitted, except for 1 pair of small stud earrings and a watch. Uniform Expectations
Equipment Requirements	Students must bring a black pen, pink pen, pencil, ruler, eraser and a suitable school bag every day. Students who arrive without the correct equipment will receive a 30-minute detention.
Attendance & Punctuality	We expect every student to achieve at least 95% attendance. Holidays should not be taken during term time, and medical appointments should be arranged outside school hours wherever possible. Every day in school counts.

Mobile Phones – New Government Guidance from 1st September 2026

From 1st September 2026, mobile phones will not be permitted to be used during the school day at Campsmount Academy. This is in line with new Department for Education statutory guidance, which expects schools to be mobile phone-free throughout the school day, including during lessons, lesson changeovers, breaktime and lunchtime.

If a student brings a mobile phone to school, it must remain switched off and out of sight for the entire school day. The aim is to create a calm, safe and distraction-free environment where students can focus on learning, develop positive face-to-face relationships and make the most of their time in school.

If a mobile phone is seen or heard during the school day, it will be confiscated. Parents or carers will be contacted and asked to collect the phone from main reception at their convenience. The phone will not be returned directly to the student. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please contact the academy and staff will ensure that any important message is passed on.

We ask all parents and carers to support us in reinforcing this government guidance with students before the start of the new academic year.

Dropping Off & collecting students

To help keep everyone safe at the beginning and end of the school day, we ask parents and carers driving onto the academy site to always drive slowly and carefully and be mindful of students walking on and around the driveway.

When dropping off or collecting students, please use the designated parent drop-off area rather than the main school car park**.** The main car park should only be used where this has been agreed in advance with the academy**.** Thank you for helping us keep the site safe for students, staff and visitors.

At Campsmount Academy, we believe that consistency, kindness and high expectations create the foundations for success. Together, we will continue to build a school where every student feels a genuine sense of belonging, is proud of their achievements and is inspired to be the very best version of themselves.

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We are excited to welcome everyone back on **Wednesday 2nd September** and look forward to another successful year of learning, achievement and opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Kind regards,

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