



3rd September 2025

Welcome Back & Start-up Arrangements - September 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we prepare for what is due to be another exciting year for Princes Risborough School, I wanted to welcome our new Year 7 & Year 12 students and their families. Yet again we are oversubscribed in both year groups and are extremely pleased to have both cohorts joining the PRS community.

“Aspire and Achieve” is the PRS motto and it was amazing to see the motto come true in August for our KS4 & KS5 students through their GCSE, BTEC & A Level results. There was much to celebrate:

- Our Year 11 students achieved some excellent results this summer with once again an increase in outcomes against key national measures, in particular another rise in the headline ‘Attainment 8’ score.
- In the Sixth form results were equally strong with another increase in BTEC headline grades as well as a record number of students achieving A*-B grades, and nearly double the number of A grades overall.

As always we are very proud of these students and wish them all the very best in their next steps.

Attendance Matters

Before the summer I wrote to families highlighting the importance of attendance from the very start of the school year. This begins with ensuring that every student is in school and ready to learn on the first day of school (see below). To help, our attendance teams will continue to make phone calls and support families to have excellent attendance. We know that the data shows that students with excellent attendance achieve the best results. Our top achieving students had an average attendance of 98.8%

For your child to get the most out of their education, they need to be in school, on time, and ready to learn every single day. This means helping them arrive with the correct uniform and equipment.

We also ask that you help us maintain high attendance by:

- Scheduling appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.
- Avoiding taking holidays during term time.
- Following the correct procedure for reporting an absence if your child is sick.
- Keeping us updated with any changes to your contact information or address.

By ensuring your child attends school regularly and on time, you are giving them the best chance to succeed. On the first day back, our pastoral teams will be at the gates to welcome students. This is a great opportunity for students to speak with the teams if needed while they put their phones into their pouches.

Road closures - Friday 5th September

Please note that the Risborough Road (A4010), Stoke Mandeville will be closed on Friday 5th September. Road users will be diverted from this area. If you are travelling from the Stoke Mandeville/Wendover direction, please allow extra time in the morning.

To ensure that we have a smooth start to the new academic year, we would like to draw your attention to some key information, including the start-up arrangements.

Friday 5th September	Year 7 - Arrive from 8:10am (Lower Playground). Tutor time 8:45am
	Year 12 - Arrive from 8:45am. Induction 9:15am (Sixth Form Centre)
	Year 8-11 & Year 13 - No School
Monday 8th September	All year groups - Arrive from 8:15am 8:45am Tutor Time - (Tutor rooms will be displayed at the main school entrances)



Please see below a few additional key points:

- **Arbor Parent App** - We would also like to remind all new families to register with the [Arbor Parent Portal App](#) to receive information & top up balances. Please note there is a zero-overdraft policy in The Hub meaning students are not able to purchase food, if they do not have sufficient funds on their account to cover the purchases they wish to make. If you require any support, please contact the school office (office@prsbucks.com).
- **Allergies** - If your child has a food allergy and you would like us to arrange a time for them to meet with The Hub chef to discuss the options available, please email office@prsbucks.com to arrange an appointment.
- **Parking** - Space on the school site remains at a premium and for this reason we remind all parents that access to the school site is limited & to support our neighbours, we request that parents avoid parking/idling in the nearby roads. We request that parents don't drive up Clifford or Merton Road.
- **School photographs** - Fizz Photography will be capturing our school's photographs on Wednesday 10th September. If you have not yet done so, please register your child before this date by following the instructions in [this letter](#).
- **Open Mornings** will start on Tuesday 23rd September with our Open evening on Thursday 25th September. Due to this we will be **closing early at 12:35pm on Thursday 25th September**. The buses and taxis have been informed. We will be asking students to help on the evening as Student Ambassadors and will circulate more details along with a permission form in due course. Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 6th November with further details to follow.
- **October Half Term** will be two weeks long. We ask that you please schedule any holidays during school holiday periods. This extended break is an excellent opportunity for you to take cost-effective holidays without impacting the carefully sequenced learning your child receives from their teachers at PRS.
- **Timings of the school day** have been altered due to our new start time of 8:45am and will be as per the timings below. Please ensure your child is here 10 minutes early, so that they are ready to be welcomed by their form tutor and start tutor time activities promptly. Students who miss tutor time have to be coded as 'U' on the register which means their morning mark does not count. More importantly, they miss the calm and settled start to the school day which group reading and form organisational support provides.

8:45am	Tutor Time
9:15am	P1
10:15am	P2
11:15am	Break (20 mins)
11:35am	P3
12:35pm	Lunch (40 mins)
1:15pm	P4
2:15pm	P5
3:15pm	End of the school day

We have extended the enrichment, student leadership and reward opportunities for all students and we want everyone to be engaged and involved. To support all students to engage with this, we will once again be hosting our Enrichment Fair early in September. We look forward to welcoming all staff and students back to the school for what will no doubt be another successful year.

Yours faithfully,



Vincent Forshaw
Head of School



Pastoral Leadership Team

Year 7 Head of Year: Miss Wallace Raising Achievement Officer: Mrs Howe Leadership Team Link: Mrs Woodley	Year 8 Head of Year: Mr Stewart Raising Achievement Officer: Ms Salopal Leadership Team Link: Mrs Cheetham
Year 9 Head of Year: Ms Sriranjani Raising Achievement Officer: Mrs Hughes Leadership Team Link: Mrs Wallington	Year 10 Head of Year: Mme Robson (Wednesday: Mrs Gibbs) Raising Achievement Officer: Mrs Walsh Leadership Team Link: Mr Miles
Year 11 Head of Year: Mrs Barnes Raising Achievement Officers: Mrs Voss & Miss Chambers Leadership Team Link: Mrs Tuffin	Head of Sixth Form: Mrs Wallington Raising Achievement Officers: Mr Toovey & Mr Williams Leadership Team Link: Mrs Wallington/Mr Forshaw

Staff contact details are available via the [school website](#).

Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mrs Tongue htongue@prsbucks.com

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