

Monday 21 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

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## End of Year Arrangements

Headteacher - Ms N Sheppard

On Friday 25 July, students will finish school at the earlier time of 12:30 pm and may attend in mufti (non-uniform). On Mufti Day, students should wear casual, comfortable, and appropriate clothing that aligns with the school's dress code. Clothing should be tidy, cover shoulders and stomachs, and not reveal underwear or be see-through. Offensive logos or slogans are also prohibited.

Students will take part in one lesson, followed by time with their tutor group enjoying fun activities – including a brand new quiz inspired by our school vision, *Education is Our Castle*.

Students will have an extended break in the morning, during which the canteen will be open. They are also welcome to bring their own snacks to enjoy during tutor time. **Please remember that we are a nut-free school to ensure the safety of all students.**

School buses will arrive at 12.35 pm.

## Staffing Update

As the academic year comes to a close, we say goodbye to valued colleagues. We extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to:

- Mrs Moorse – Science
- Mrs Smith – English
- Mrs Mackett – Business Studies
- Miss Eden – English

We warmly welcome Ms Ezard to the English department, and we're excited to introduce Ms Smith, who will join us in a new HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) role, focused on nurture and support for our incoming Year 7 students.

We are also delighted to welcome Ms Bracegirdle as Curriculum Lead for Creative and Technology.

In terms of leadership changes:

- Mr Jager will be taking a secondment from his role as Curriculum Lead for Science and will continue teaching Science. Mr Roux will step into the Curriculum Lead role for the faculty.
- Mr Peake will be moving on from his role as Assistant Head for Attendance, Behaviour and Safeguarding, and will take on the position of Deputy Curriculum Lead for Physical Sciences.

During the recruitment process for his replacement, Miss Begley will lead on Attendance and Behaviour, and I will oversee Safeguarding.

## Safeguarding over the summer holiday

Please find attached a list of services you can use over the summer, if you need safeguarding support. We will share these with your child this Friday 25 July, as part of our preparation for the summer break. Over the holidays, HISP Trust staff will be on call.

Between 28 July and 11 August - Teresa Enrique-Hayes (Director of Safeguarding). Contactable via Ms Karen Begley [karen.begley@carisbrooke.iow.sch.uk](mailto:karen.begley@carisbrooke.iow.sch.uk)

Between 18 August and 2 September - Jo McKeown (Executive Director of Education). Contactable via Ms Sheppard [natalie.sheppard@carisbrooke.iow.sch.uk](mailto:natalie.sheppard@carisbrooke.iow.sch.uk)

## Start of Year Arrangements – September 2025

The new academic year begins with two Staff Development Days (INSET) on Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September.

On Wednesday 3 September, we will have a staggered return to school:

- Year 7 and Year 8: arrive at the usual time of 8:40 am for the school day to start at 8.45am
- Years 9 – 11: arrive at 11:30 am

This approach allows our new Year 7 students time to settle in and become familiar with the school environment without the full cohort present. It also supports Year 8, as the next youngest year group, in returning to routine.

Most students in Years 9 - 11 travel independently or are dropped off by parents. For the 44 students who rely on bus transport, we have spoken to Southern Vectis who have confirmed that our students can travel on any network bus. **They just need to tell the driver that they are a Carisbrooke student. Drivers will be made aware of this arrangement.** Students can collect their passes the next day.

If you have any concerns about your child's travel on 3 September, please contact their Head of Year directly so we can support you. All year groups will begin lessons after lunch on that day.

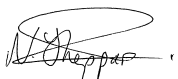
**On Thursday 4 September all students are expected into school at the normal time.**

## To conclude

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Carisbrooke community this year and look forward to all we will achieve together in the year ahead, as we bring our vision – *Education is Our Castle* – to life.

Wishing you and your family a restful summer.

Yours faithfully



Ms Sheppard  
Headteacher



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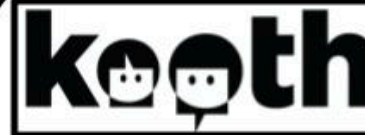
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