



Malbank School & Sixth Form College

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End of term update

1st July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another school year, I want to say a big thank you for all your support over the past twelve months. It really does make a huge difference, and we never take it for granted. Looking back over 2025/26, I am incredibly proud of our school as there is so much to celebrate, and that is all down to the people who make this school what it is, the 1266 young people who make sure no day is ever the same and make this the best job in the world.

To our year 11 and 13 students and parents – we could not have asked any more of you. You gave everything you could and both you and the teachers who supported you through the process should be incredibly proud of the determination and effort shown throughout what was a grueling exam period. Whatever happens in the summer, all anyone could ask is that you tried your best and you certainly did. Beyond exam results, looking at our year 13 and 11 students at the leavers day and prom events, I am proud to say they leave us as the truly lovely people I would be happy to live next door to that I always talk about on our open evenings.

Included in the following pages are a collection of messages you need to know about before the summer break. Please also have a look at the forthcoming summer edition of our termly newsletter "Gaudeamus" for more lovely features and news updates.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the students and staff at Malbank this year and I am incredibly excited about getting started again in September as we continue our shared journey of improvement. I wish everyone a restful and relaxing summer and look forward to seeing all our students return in September with batteries recharged, eager to make the 60 minutes matter once again.

Yours,

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Key end of term messages – July 2026

Arrangements for the end of term.

Term will finish for students at 12.55pm on Friday the 17th of July. Transport has been rearranged where possible but if any student is unable to get home, we will, of course, supervise them until 3.15pm. All school buses will depart from school at 1.00pm except for the D&G services which will leave at the normal time.

GCSE and GCE (A-Level) Exam results days

For all year 11 and 13 students, there will be separate communications with clear instructions about the plans for our two results days on August the 13th (A-Level) and 20th (GCSE) in the summer. Please ensure you pay attention to MS Teams and emails over the summer for further communication.

Staff leaving us this month.

As is sadly always the case at the end of an academic year we see a handful of staff leave us for pastures new, or to retirement. Mr Robinson from the LSA team and Mr Neaum from Maths are moving on from Malbank and Mrs. Jennings from the Art team leaves us for promotion elsewhere as does Mr. Dixon in English who returns to his old school (which naturally I can understand the lure of!). Mr Hawkins from the Science team also leaves for promotion alongside Mr Snape and Ms. Jakobs who are relocating to Holland. It goes without saying that they will all be greatly missed. I am sure all our students would like to join me in wishing them well on their next career steps.

We also sadly lose the wisdom and expertise of some very long-standing members of staff, the first of whom - Mrs. Fisher - has supported Malbank as a Science lab technician since 1991. Enabling practical lessons in thousands of science lessons over her time with us, we thank her for all her hard work and effort and wish her a well-deserved retirement after 35 years of service.

Mrs. Jackson from our SEN team leaves us for retirement after 13 years at Malbank and having supported a phenomenal number of children with dyslexia and other barriers to learning through immeasurable amounts of interventions throughout her time with us. An oracle of exams access support – we will miss her very much.

Finally, Mr Smith leaves us having taught Drama at Malbank since September 1996 with a staggering number of students having benefitted from his creativity over the years. I would like to thank all three long standing members of staff for their fantastic service to Malbank.

Return dates for September 2025

Tuesday the 1st and Wednesday the 2nd of September are traditional on-site INSET days where staff will be in school preparing for the year ahead. Students are not expected to be in on these days.

Thursday the 3rd of September marks the on-site return for Years **7, 11 and 13** to allow for a smooth transition for our new students and those in terminal exam years. Students in years **8, 9 and 10** will

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be set work remotely on Microsoft teams to prepare them for their return to school in person the following day.

Friday the 4th marks the first day when all students will be back on site together. All students should arrive at the usual time of 8.45 whereby they will begin their day with their form tutor. All students will also benefit from a return to school assembly with the leadership team on their first physical day in school and will spend time learning about their timetable and the year ahead before starting lessons.

Friday the 4th also sees us welcome our new year 12 students to join the rest of the school. They will have a day off timetable to integrate them into 6th form life before starting their lessons on the following Monday.

Please note that we will be introducing **Phone pouches** from September. There will be further emails from me about this in the coming week but we will not be going live with pouches until Monday 7th September so we can explain our processes to students in our return to school assemblies.

Safeguarding and student wellbeing

During the summer holidays, safeguarding concerns outside of school working hours should be raised with ChECS on 0300 123 5012 (option 3). We also encourage students to keep us informed of any concerns they have by using the "I wish my teacher knew" app on their school desktop. This can still be accessed via remote login over the summer, although students should be aware that these submissions will not be viewed by the pastoral and wellbeing teams until our return in September, so this forum should not be used for urgent support needs.

Thank you for taking the time to read through all the information I have shared, I hope your child enjoys what will be an event packed end to the summer term with our annual sports and rewards days still in the pipeline to ensure we end the academic year on a high, with the 2026 House Championship still very much in the balance. If you have any questions about any of the details in my letter, please contact your relevant key stage office for support and guidance.

Take care, stay safe and have a lovely summer.

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