



# Joseph Leckie Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we head rapidly towards the end of the academic year, I want to provide some updates on the end of term arrangements, our heads of year for next year, our pre-loved uniform sales, mobile phones and details about starting back in September.

## **End of Term Arrangements**

All students will break up for the summer at 12:00pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. All students need to leave school at this time. Any students wishing to collect a grab bag for their free school meal lunch should do so at break time.

## **Mobile Phones**

We will write a separate letter regarding mobile phones on site for next year but the Government guidance on mobile phones became statutory on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/mobile-phones-in-schools) This states that schools should be mobile phone free zones by default and that at no time during the school day should students access their phone.

To achieve this, we will be implementing a range of new sanctions for any student whose mobile phone is seen, including mobile phones having to be collected by parents for every incident.

For this to be successful we need the full support of parents, this includes not messaging students during the school day and using the school communication systems should you need to contact them, and for parents to reinforce the expectation that students do not access their phones at school.

We do not want to ban mobile phones from the site entirely, so students can continue to access on their way to and from school; or to have to implement a system where they are collected and stored but, if we do not work together, staff, students and parents, then we may have to put more measures in place. It is not an option to just continue as we are.

## **Pre-loved uniform sales**

The Government have added the expectation that schools offer pre-loved uniform to parents in addition to the option to buy new uniform. Keep an eye on our social media posts for further details of when these sales will take place. They are likely to be in line with the summer exam results days.



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## Heads of Year for 2026/2027

After a recent interview process, the following teachers have been allocated the year groups they will work with for the next academic year.

- Year 7 – Miss Akhtar and Mr McKenna
- Year 8 – Miss Griffin
- Year 9 – Mr Taylor
- Year 10 – Mr Gain
- Year 11 – Mr Khan

In addition to the heads of year, each year group will also have a non-teaching pastoral manager next year. We are in the process of recruiting to these positions and will inform parents of these names in due course.

## Return to School September 2026

Year 7 and 12 will return to school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. All other students will return on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Further details will be provided over the holiday.

## Warm Weather

With the warm weather continuing this week, please remember to provide your child with a refillable water bottle, a hat they can wear outside of the school buildings and to apply sun cream in the morning if they are taking part in outdoor activities during the day. Students have already been permitted to not wear their tie and blazer, and a decision will be made about being able to wear PE kit later in the week, if the forecast temperatures continue to rise. There is no intention to close the school this week.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours faithfully,

Mr McNaughton  
Principal