



Dear families,

As I reflect on my first year as Headteacher of Tiverton High School, I feel incredibly proud of how far we have come together as a school community. It has been a privilege to get to know our students, families and staff, and to witness first-hand the resilience, talent and determination that exists across our school. Over the past year, we have embraced change, celebrated successes and worked collectively to build a culture of high expectations, kindness and ambition.

While there is still much to achieve on our improvement journey, I am confident that the foundations we have laid this year will continue to strengthen our school and create even greater opportunities for our young people in the future. The support, encouragement and trust shown by our families throughout this first year have been invaluable, and for that I am sincerely grateful.

Over the past twelve months, we have worked hard to strengthen every aspect of school life. From curriculum developments and improvements to teaching and learning, to enhanced support for students with SEND and the introduction of our new Student Wellbeing Hub, we have remained focused on ensuring that every young person feels supported, challenged and able to succeed.

This year has also marked the beginning of our journey with the Blackdown Education Partnership. This exciting new chapter is already providing opportunities for collaboration, development and continued improvement, helping us build an even stronger future for our school community.

Beyond the classroom, our students have continued to excel. We have celebrated achievements in mathematics, sport, Duke of Edinburgh, Ten Tors, music, computing, student leadership and community service. From outstanding performances in rugby, netball and gymnastics, to success in national competitions and enrichment activities, our young people have demonstrated determination, talent and tremendous school spirit.

Our enrichment programme has gone from strength to strength, providing memorable experiences including our just-returned trip to Kenya, our ski trip, museum visits, careers events, theatre trips, STEM activities, geography fieldwork and many other opportunities that broaden horizons and develop character. These experiences play a vital role in helping our students grow into confident, well-rounded young people.

What has impressed me most throughout the year is the kindness, resilience and sense of community shown by our students. Whether through everyday acts of support for one another, contributions to our Kindness Wall, participation in community events or simply representing the school with pride, they continue to demonstrate the values that make Tiverton High School such a special place.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we remain ambitious for every student. We will continue to improve our facilities, strengthen routines, raise aspirations and provide the very best opportunities for all young people.

On behalf of everyone at Tiverton High School, thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. I wish all our families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to welcoming students back in September for another exciting year of learning, achievement and success.

Kind regards

Nicky Lewis

Student Induction Days



Return to School Arrangements

The start of a new academic year is an important opportunity for students to reconnect with school life, establish positive habits and prepare for the year ahead. Our student induction programme is designed to support students' wellbeing, readiness for learning and personal development, while reinforcing our school values of **Work Hard, Be Kind and Belong**.

Monday 7th September 2026

We will welcome back students in Year 7 and Year 11. The school gates will open at 8.20am for a 8.35am start.

- **Year 7** – Welcome assembly in Studio 1 - line up in tutor groups outside of PE.
- **Year 11** – Welcome assembly in the Hall - line up in tutor groups outside of Design.

Having Year 7 and Year 11 students return first allows our new Year 7 students time to settle into their new surroundings before the rest of the school arrives, while giving Year 11 students the opportunity to begin their final year with a clear focus and sense of purpose.

Tuesday 8th September 2026

We will welcome back students in Years 8 and 9, who will join Years 7 and 11 as our whole school community returns to the building. The school gates will open at 8.20am for a 8.35am start.

- **Year 7** – Straight to tutor groups to meet with your tutors
- **Year 8** – Welcome assembly in the Hall - line up in tutor groups outside of Design.
- **Year 9** – Straight to tutor groups to meet with your tutors
- **Year 10** – Straight to tutor groups to meet with your tutors
- **Year 11** – Straight to tutor groups to meet with your tutors

The induction programme provides students with the opportunity to reset expectations, revisit key routines and develop a positive mindset for the year ahead.

Students will spend the two days with their tutor, they will receive important information, learn about any changes for the new academic year, reflect on their goals and understand how they can contribute positively to our school community. By investing time in these important foundations, we aim to ensure that every student feels confident, supported and ready to succeed.

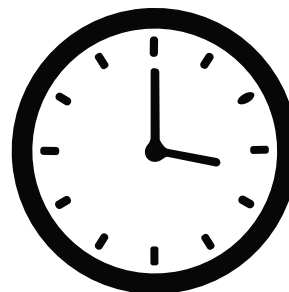
We ask for the support of families to ensure that students arrive on time, wear the correct uniform and bringing the appropriate equipment each day. Starting the year with these positive habits will help students make the most of their learning and contribute positively to our school community.

We look forward to seeing our students settle in as they begin another exciting year, support one another and make the most of every opportunity as they continue to Work Hard, Be Kind and Belong.

The timings of the school day

Students are welcomed on site from 8:20am

8:35am	Registration and tutor time
9:00am	Lesson 1
10:00am	Lesson 2
11:00am	Break
11:25am	Lesson 3
12:25pm	Lesson 4
1:25pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Lesson 5
3:00pm	End of the school day



Curriculum Updates

Ambassador Team 2026-2027

We are incredibly proud of all the students who put themselves forward for the Ambassador Team. The caliber of applications was exceptional, making the selection process extremely difficult. We will formally share the full team once our Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, and Deputy Head Girl are appointed. Students and staff have already watched the candidates' videos and cast their votes, and we will hold a ceremony during the first week back to announce the successful candidates.

PE

As we approach the summer holidays could we remind parents of our jewellery policy ahead of September. This will remain the same in the new academic year. We ask for any piercings to be done at the start of the holidays to enable healing time. The guidance states:

- Jewellery should be removed at home before school on PE days
- schools cannot accept disclaimers or waivers relating to jewellery injuries
- piercing ears at the start of the summer holiday is recommended to allow healing time

PSHE

As part of our commitment to providing a high-quality Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) programme, we are currently reviewing our RSHE Policy [\[click here to read the policy\]](#).

We value the views of our parents and carers and would like to invite you to take part in this consultation process. Your feedback is important in helping us ensure that our policy reflects the needs of our school community while meeting statutory government requirements.

Please take some time to read the attached policy and share your thoughts, comments, suggestions or questions. We welcome all feedback and will carefully consider the responses received before the policy is finalised. If you have any questions about the policy or the RSHE curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact our PSHE lead, Emily Ferret at eferret@tiverton.bep.ac

Thank you for taking the time to support us in this important aspect of your child's education.

Mobile Phones

We would like to commend students for how well they have adapted to the introduction of our phone pouch system and updated mobile phone policy. Their positive attitude and cooperation have helped ensure a calm and focused learning environment across the school. As we head into the summer break, please remember to keep your phone pouch somewhere safe and secure so that it is ready to be brought back to school in September.

Important dates for your diary



Term Dates 2026-2027 [Click here](#)

School returns for years 7 & 11	7 September 2026
School returns for all years	8 September 2026
Year 6 Open Evening	16 September 2026, 5pm - 7pm
Year 11 GCSE Launch Evening	21 September 2026, 5pm - 6pm
Year 11 Geography Field Trip	23 September 2026
Enrichment Day 1	30 September 2026
Enrichment Day 2	1 October 2026
Year 10 GCSE Launch Evening	12 October 2026, 5pm - 6pm
Years 10 & 11 Performing Arts Trip (TBC)	22 October 2026
Half-term	26 October - 30 October
School returns for all years	2 November 2026

Record Keeping and Communications



Arbor

As part of the school's transfer to BEP, and from September, we will be using Arbor as our means of keeping records and communicating with families. There will be an app alongside a parent portal for you to use. This allows you to manage your child's school life, including attendance, behaviour and academic progress. There is nothing you need to do now as we will communicate more in September. We just wanted to give you some advanced notice of this change.

Trips, meals and other payments

The school will continue to take payments for trips and meals via School Gateway although we anticipate transferring this across to Arbor once everything is fully established.

School meals.



From September the school will no longer be able to accept cash in our refectory. Please can you ensure your child's account is topped in in advance of them needing to purchase food. If you think you may experience some difficulties with this then please contact the school in the usual way.

Please visit our website [\[here\]](#) to find out how to create your School Gateway Account.

Welcomes and Farewells

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following colleagues who will be leaving Tiverton High School at the end of this term. Their contribution to our school has been greatly valued, and on behalf of the entire school community, we wish them every success as they begin the next stage of their journey.

Mrs Lee - MFL Teacher
Miss Foster - 2nd in Maths
Dr Lethbridge - Maths Teacher
Mrs Goode - DT Teacher
Mrs Roberts - Assistant SENDCo
Mrs Coker - Pastoral Support Officer
Mrs Nichols - Teaching Assistant
Mrs Lazarus - Teaching Assistant
Mr Welsh - IT Technician

We warmly welcome our new colleagues:

Mr Elladon - 2nd in Maths
Miss Ford - 2nd in English
Miss Luz - Science Teacher and Coach
Mrs Ardoy - Science Teacher
Mr Beveridge - DT & Art Teacher
Mr Pickard - School Cleaner

We congratulate the following colleagues who have achieved promotion this year:

Mr Carpanini - Assistant Head
Mr Morrell - Associate Member of the Senior Leadership Team (and Head of Year 11)
Mrs Rutley-Frayne - Head of Learning Support
Mrs Cooper - Learning Support Specialist

Governance

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our outgoing Chair of Governors, Jim Porteous for his invaluable support and steady hand over these last 2 years, and for his oversight of our transition into the Blackdown Education Partnership.

John Roberts will be our new Chair of Governors from September bringing a wealth of experience in secondary education and we very much look forward to working with him.

Other governors in key roles are: Adam Atkins - Safeguarding Governor, Lyndsey Poortman, Quality of Education Governor, Hazel Marshall - SEND Governor

Celebrating Success Across Our School Community



Rewards Day

