



# WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

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**Year 9**

Dear Parent/Guardian

## The Summer Term Letter

I would like to welcome you all back to the summer term and hope that you are keeping safe and well. It is lovely to see the return of lighter evenings and warmer weather. Following the selection of GCSE options, it is now clear that students are approaching the transition into Key Stage 4 and the beginning of their two-year journey towards Year 11 examinations.

There are a number of key events taking place this term:

- **Sports Day – Friday 19 June**
- **Be Safe Day – Tuesday 23 June (Year 9 will be off timetable for this in-school event)**
- **Riseholme College Trip – Friday 3 July**
- **Year 9 Celebration Evening – Wednesday 8 July (6.00pm–8.00pm)**
- **Year 9 End of Year Trip – To be confirmed**

The Celebration Evening is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate pupils' successes throughout Key Stage 3. Pupils should attend in smart-casual clothing. The evening will begin with a prize-giving in the main hall, followed by a garden party-style event with light refreshments, music, and a photo booth, allowing students to socialise and capture memories with friends.

In PSHE, the final unit of the year focuses on British Values and Youth Justice. Students will study key elements of citizenship, including the UK political system, the rule of law, tolerance, and mutual respect, with a focus on multicultural Britain. Careers and professional development will also continue through visiting speakers and the Riseholme College trip.

The school works closely with the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership, which offers a range of free workshops for parents throughout the year. They also provide useful online resources via their YouTube channel, which I encourage you to explore.

I would also like to remind parents of the school Uniform Policy, which is available on the school website. Recently, there has been an increase in pupils wearing trainers, false or gel nails, false eyelashes, excessive make-up, and multiple or non-permitted piercings. These items are not allowed. Pupils who do not adhere to the Uniform Policy may face disciplinary action. Additionally, the use of fake tan is not permitted in school, and I appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations.

As we move into warmer weather and students spend more time outdoors, we will continue to reinforce expectations around behaviour. In line with our Pupil Code of Conduct—“Keep your hands, feet, and unkind words to yourself”—playfighting and any form of physical behaviour are not permitted, this includes ‘slide tackles in football’. Please speak with your child about the importance of maintaining positive behaviour during unsupervised times. Students who do not meet expectations may lose the privilege of using the field.

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I would also like to emphasise the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Please ensure your child arrives at school, fully equipped, before 9.00am each day. If your child is unable to attend, please inform the school. I will continue to work closely with the school's Educational Welfare Officer, Mrs Chatterton, to support students and families where needed.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout this academic year, particularly during my first year working with this cohort. Your support for your child, their tutor, and the wider William Farr community is greatly appreciated. I look forward to working together over the coming months as we prepare students for a positive start to Year 10 and their GCSE journey.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Willett', written over a horizontal line.

**Mr S Willett**  
**Head of Year 9**