

December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

This term has been another very successful and memorable one in lots of different ways. Our students/your children continue to impress me on a daily basis. Students who joined us in September have also quickly become part of AGS and are making a wonderful contribution already.

Some of this term's highlights are included in our most recent newsletter. I will put a link, which will take you to the newsletter, at the end of this letter.

As we continue with the 2025-26 academic year, we are also planning ahead for 2026-27. With this in mind, I want to inform you of the scheduled INSET (In-Service Training) days for AGS in 2026-27. INSET is built into every academic year for all schools.

Our INSET days in 2026-27 will result in the school being closed to students on the following dates:

Friday 4th September 2026
Monday 7th September 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Friday 12th February 2027
Friday 25th June 2027
Monday 26th July 2027

INSET days enable our staff to engage in training sessions and collaborative activities aimed at enhancing their skills and expertise, ultimately benefitting the educational experience of our students. We kindly ask that you make suitable arrangements for your child(ren) on these days.

Thank you in advance for booking any holidays outside of term time. I appreciate that this sometimes increases the costs for families, due to the actions taken by travel companies, but the negative impact on a young person missing valuable time in school to go on a holiday cannot be understated. Thank you for your cooperation with this, your understanding, and your continued support. By scheduling our INSET days the way we have, I hope that families will be able to benefit from having options around when holidays can be taken outside of term time, with some of these being at times when cheaper options are available.

Our Spring term will start for all students on **Monday 5 January 2026**.

The rest of the school term dates for 2025-2026 can also be accessed on the school website:

<https://www.anthonygell.co.uk/parents/term-dates/>

Thank you for all of your support and kind feedback. It was lovely to see so many of you at this week's shows, and to see lots of you at the Parents' Evenings this term. I hope you and your family have a lovely break and you enjoy the festive period. Here is the link to this term's newsletter:

<https://www.anthonygell.co.uk/news/newsletters/>

Yours sincerely



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