

23rd July 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I write to all of you for one final time, at the end of the most memorable eleven years of my career. Although I remain contracted until 31 August and will of course be in school to support some of you and your children on the A-Level and GCSE results days, we are now in the final 'school day' of my time as Head of AGS.

I promised eleven years ago to do my best to maintain and build on AGS's excellent reputation of being a school in which young people flourished. There was much to be proud of, with the strong ethos and values-driven approach that was very evident in 2015. I hope that the community we serve, and are proudly a part of, think that this is still the case today.

The support of parents and carers has been absolutely essential in the work we have done together, and I would like to thank you for the way you have helped with this. Thank you for putting your faith in me and in the school and thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with so many incredible young people – your children.

On Tuesday, many of your children were part of an event which -miraculously- had been kept a secret from me. They were, as you might expect, fully involved and fully committed to making my final assembly one which I will never forget.

Looking forward to September, I would like everyone to start the new school year well and begin to impress Mrs Smith, our new Headteacher, just as much as they have impressed me so far. To help this happen, the following couple of links will take you to some of the essential information you and your children will need:

A new structure to the school day: <https://www.anthonygell.co.uk/parents/term-dates/>

Times	Period/Break
8:55am – 9:55am	Period 1
9:55am – 10:55am	Period 2
10:55am – 11:15am	Break
11:15am – 12:15pm	Period 3
12:15pm – 12:45pm	Tutor Time
12:45pm – 1:30pm	Lunch Break
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Period 4
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Period 5

Important dates for the school year ahead:

School Term Dates 2026/2027

Staff Training Days (INSET): 4th & 7th September, 23rd October, 12th February, 25th June and 26th July

Autumn Term 1 starts Tuesday 8th September for Y7 & Y12/13 only, and Wednesday 9th September for Y8/Y9/Y10/Y11 until Friday 23rd October

Half Term is Monday 26th October until Friday 30th October

Autumn Term 2 starts Monday 2nd November until Friday 18th December at 1pm

Christmas Holidays are 21st December until 1st January

Spring Term 1 starts Monday 4th January until Friday 12th February

Half Term is 15th to 19th February

Spring Term 2 starts Monday 22nd February until Thursday 25th March

Easter Holidays are 26th March until 9th April

Summer Term 1 starts on Monday 12th April until Friday 28th May

Half Term is 31st May to 4th June

Summer Term 2 starts on Monday 7th June until Friday 23rd July

Additional Dates

Open Evening for pupils in Year 5 and Year 6: **30th September 2026**

Progress data will be sent home on **9th November 2026 and 25th Jan 2027**

Being fully prepared:

**Anthony Gell**
— School —



SCHOOL BAG *Ready?*

WHAT YOU NEED:

- **A BAG OF A SUITABLE SIZE TO FIT IN ALL YOU NEED FOR THE DAY**
- **A PAPER COPY OF YOUR TIMETABLE**
- **AGS PE KIT ON PE DAYS**

EQUIPMENT (IN A PENCIL CASE):

- **PEN + A SPARE (BLACK OR BLUE)**
- **GREEN PEN**
- **PENCIL**
- **RULER**
- **ERASER**
- **GLUE STICK**
- **SAFETY SCISSORS**
- **CALCULATOR**
- **MINI WHITEBOARD AND PEN (SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE THESE FOR FREE DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF THE YEAR. IF THEY ARE LOST THEN REPLACEMENTS CAN BE PURCHASED VIA PARENTPAY)**
- **HIGHLIGHTERS (OPTIONAL BUT HELPFUL)**

I hope all of the above prove helpful and enable your child or children to continue to enjoy and fully benefit from their time at AGS. It is a very special place (but then again, I may be a little bias).

Very best wishes,



Malcolm Kelly
Headteacher