



16th July 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Thank you so much for your support over the year. We cannot achieve what we do in the school without your help, so we appreciate this greatly.

This is quite a long communication, but each part is important as it lists how we will be ending this year, how we will be starting the next year and some important information to help you over the summer holidays.

Firstly, I'm really pleased to inform you that we will again be spending a significant amount of money over the summer holiday upgrading the site for your child, including:

- New Science Labs
- New Food Technology Rooms and Preparation Rooms
- New Parent Meeting Pods to allow you greater privacy when attending the school for meetings with staff
- A new Pelican Crossing near the Shell Garage on Cromwell Road, to allow students walking to school a safer crossing (this has been done in conjunction with Salford City Council Highways Planning Team)

I know that this will make the school an even better place for the students, so we look forward to seeing this in September.

End of Term Arrangements & New Term Arrangements

As you are aware, our school year ends today at 12:30pm. We will release students from school at this time but will ensure that all students leave with a hot grab and go meal as they leave.

The 2025-26 year starts again as follows:

- Friday 4th September 2026:
 - Year 7 start school at 8:25am and finish school at 3:00pm
 - Year 11 pupils attend school with a parent at their appointment times for their Year 11 kickstart meet
 - Year 8, 9 and 10 pupils do not attend school this day
- Monday 7th September:
 - All pupils start school at 8:25am and finish school at 3:00pm

Full term dates for next year can be found here: [Term Dates | Parents | The Albion Academy](#)

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Attendance in 2026-2027

We expect that all students attend school on time every single school day. Our attendance goal is 100% for all students with 97% attendance as a minimum expectation over the year. This means only 5 days absent from school over the entirety of 2026-27. We cannot authorise holidays during term time sadly.

Uniform in 2026-2027

The wearing of full Academy uniform is expected and is an important part of The Albion Academy value of respect which promotes positive attitudes, high standards and a sense of personal pride. We ask for parental support and would like to take this opportunity to communicate our uniform standards clearly. They are as follows:

- School blazers are compulsory whilst inside the school building. Jumpers are optional.
- White buttoned long/short sleeved shirt with a formal academy tie.
- Smart black trousers (leggings or flared trousers are not acceptable) or black pleated skirt that falls below the knee
- Socks must be plain black with no bows or frills. For students wearing a skirt, they may wear either knee-length socks or tights. Please note that socks must be knee-length and worn below the knee (ankle or quarter-length socks are not acceptable with a skirt), and tights must be a minimum of 60 denier
- All footwear must be entirely black, polishable and have no coloured logos or soles and not be of ankle height. Boots, heeled footwear or trainers of any sort are not considered acceptable footwear.



All students will be expected to carry a backpack to ensure that they have all their equipment and PE kit. We will not allow handbags/man bags as acceptable school bags. As a rule of thumb, the backpack must be large enough to fit an outdoor coat.



Hair, make-up and jewellery:

- Neat in appearance
- Navy or black hair bobbles/clips
- Make-up should not be worn
- A wristwatch – no smartwatches

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The following are banned and are not acceptable uniform:

- Hoodies or non-academy jumpers
- Patterned tights
- Extreme hairstyles
- Shaven or partially shaven eyebrows
- Visible make-up, including false eyelashes, nail varnish or acrylic nails
- Facial piercing or body piercing (for example nose, lip, tongue or belly button)
- Ear piercings
- Any jewellery
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Students whose religion requires them to wear a head scarf or cap are permitted to do so and we ask this is plain black in colour. Outdoor coats may be worn outside the building but must be removed when directed during line-ups and placed in bags or carried over the arm.

Students who are not wearing full academy uniform will be required to 'Stop and Fix'. Where uniform standards require a significant correction, this will be logged as a 'First Impression' on Class Charts, and students will be issued with a next day 30-minute after school detention.

Refusal to comply with the Academy's uniform policy, or where the academy is unable to resolve uniform corrections despite best endeavours, will result in students being placed in the Reflection Room for five periods, including a same-day detention of up to 45-minutes, or until the uniform issue is resolved with your support.

First Impressions – Academic Journal & Equipment in 2026-27

Students are expected to always carry an Academic Journal with them. This will be provided upon their return to school to support their independent study, travel around the school and understanding of their daily timetables. Students without their Academic Journal will immediately be issued with a next day 30-minute detention.

Students are also expected to always carry stationery and there are minimum expectations regarding equipment expectations to support our pupils in becoming more independent, responsible, and prepared learners—ambitious skills that are essential not only in school but also in life beyond the classroom.

Essential Daily Equipment in 2026-27

All pupils will be expected to bring the following items to school every day:

- **Equipment must be stored in a pencil case**
- **1 black pen**
- **1 green pen**
- **1 pencil**
- **1 ruler**
- **1 bookmark**
- **School Journal**
- **Independent Study Book**



These core items will help students stay organised, take responsibility for their learning, and be fully prepared for the school day.

To support families, the school will provide each pupil in Year 7 with the following at the start of the September term:

- **2 black pens**
- **2 green pens**
- **2 pencils**
- **1 bookmark**
- **1 pencil case**
- **1 School Journal**
- **1 Independent Study Book**
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In Years 8-11, pupils are responsible for sourcing the equipment above apart from the following items, which we will provide free of charge to them to support:

- **1 pencil case**
- **1 School Journal**
- **1 Independent Study Book**
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Our school shop will operate each morning before school and during lunchtimes. Pupils will be able to purchase replacement items or additional equipment as needed at affordable prices.

Equipment Expectations and Consequences in 2026-27

Pupils must bring their own equipment to school; it will be their responsibility to look after and replace any lost or broken items. To help encourage consistency and accountability the following will occur daily:

- Equipment checks will take place each morning during form time.
- Pupils will receive positive Classcharts points for being equipped. These points go towards student of the week awards and our Character badges for Student Etiquettes.
- Any missing equipment will be logged as a 'First Impressions' consequence on Classcharts.
- 'First Impressions' consequences will result in an after-school detention the following day for not having the correct equipment for learning.
- If children are persistently not bringing in equipment, Form Tutors will alert our Pastoral Team. We will then contact parents in an attempt to explore how to remove any barriers which may exist.
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Help for Parents & Summer Holiday Activities in July and August 2026

Summer Activities & Reading Lists

Salford City Council provide an excellent range of activities for your children over the summer holidays. The Beacon Centre, right next door to The Albion Academy has a summer HAF calendar of events for your child.

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The Salford Youth Zone also provides excellent opportunities for your child over the holiday period. Please find a link here: [Homepage - Salford Youth Zone](#)

Moreover, our local libraries are the perfect safe and relaxing environment for people of all ages for enjoying a good book. Our local community has plenty of libraries that will be open over the summer; you may just want to grab some books and go but some libraries will host events for the community that you may be interested in getting involved with.

Reading is at the heart of our pledge to the Albion Academy to support your child in achieving their full potential. Try these local libraries over Summer:

Pendleton Library: Pendleton Gateway, 1 Broadwalk, Salford M6 5FX

Part of Salford City Councils Libraries, Pendleton Library is open to anybody and has a wide range of book on offer for both adults and children as well as access to internet and computers and children's activities during the holidays.

Open: Mon – Thurs: 8am – 10pm, Fri: 8am – 6:30pm and Sat: 9am – 1pm.

Clifford Whitworth Library: The, Broadwalk, Salford M5 4WT

A university library open to the public every day.

Open: Mon – Fri until 7pm and Sat – Sun until 5pm (after these times you need a student ID to enter and use the library).

The Working Class Movement Library: 51 Crescent, Salford M5 4WX

This library contains books, periodicals, pamphlets, archives, and artifacts that relate to the different areas of development in the working class created by the Industrial Revolution in Salford.

Open: Tues – Fri: 10am – 4pm.

Salford Local History Library: Salford Museum & Art Gallery, Crescent, Salford M5 4WU

Located in the Salford Museum & Art Gallery, this library has lot of elements of our community's history in the texts they house there such as maps and newspapers as well as over 70,000 photos.

Open: Weds – Fri: 9:30am – 4pm (appointment/pre-book only)

Broughton Library: 50 Rigby St, Lower Broughton, Salford M7 4BQ

Broughton Library is also part of Salford City Councils Libraries and they have books for everyone – they also have a Jewish Collection and Ukranian Language books.

Open: Mon – Thurs: 8am – 10pm | Fri: 8am – 6:30pm



Manchester Central Library: St Peter's Square, Manchester M2 5PD

Known as the “headquarters of the city’s library and information service in Manchester.”, Central Library has so many ways to access information – they have books as expected but there’s archives, parliamentary papers, and the Henry Watson music library.

Open: Mon – Thurs: 9am – 8pm | Fri – Sat: 9am – 5pm

This link also contains information about all the Salford City Council Libraries available to you and the services they offer: <https://salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/libraries/our-libraries/>

This link has information regarding what to find at the Clifford Whitworth Library: <https://www.salford.ac.uk/library>

This link tells you all about the different things on offer at Manchester Central Library: <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/centrallibrary>

You will also find an excellent reading list alongside this letter home from our Literacy Lead, Ms. Galthen.

Uniform Costs

We are committed to supporting you in keeping uniform costs down, so please find below a list of local and national uniform suppliers, both in person and online who offer excellent value for money.

Shoes

<https://www.shoezone.com/>
<https://www.wynsors.com/>
<https://amazon.com>

Socks, Shirts, Trousers, Skirts, Tights

<https://www.matalan.co.uk/>
<https://www.tesco.com>
<https://www.asda.com>
<https://www.sainsburys.co.uk>

Branded Albion Academy Uniform & Kit

[Albion Academy Archives - Whittakers School Wear](#)

Backpacks

<https://www.sportsdirect.com>
[Amazon.com.](#)

We understand that the cost of uniform is expensive. If there is a genuine reason why students are not wearing their full academy uniform, the academy will support students without consequence.

This will be on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Principal, Head of School or Vice Principal. If you require support with uniform, please do contact us via the ‘Talk with The Albion Academy’ form [Talk with The Albion Academy](#) or visit Wood Street Mission, a local organisation who can help with uniform costs: [HOME - Wood Street Mission](#)

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Contact With The Albion Academy: “Talk With The Albion Academy”

As a school community who celebrate inclusivity, we are always looking for better ways to connect with all members of our community. We are aware that when calling into school, it can sometimes be difficult to get through to the correct person, right away via telephone. Therefore, please do use [Talk with The Albion Academy](#) to communicate with us.

Using the form, you will be able to contact relevant staff in the academy that can help with your query. Our pledge to you is that any enquiry made using the online form will get a response within 3 working days.

In case of emergencies such as urgent family safeguarding and same day absences, you will still be able to phone in to the Albion Academy. However, all other enquiries will be redirected to the online form.

Arbor Parent App

You will need to download this to receive important messages from us, so please scan the QR below and install the Arbor app on your mobile device:

Android Play Store



iOS App Store



Free School Meals

With a daily meal deal costing approximately £2.78, the weekly cost to parents of a school meal per child is £13. 90. Over the course of the school year this around £500 per child. If you feel you may qualify for Free School Meals please apply here: [Free school meals application income based assessment](#)

If you would like help applying, please contact us at [Talk with The Albion Academy](#)

Free School Meals are more than just a meal. For every child with free school meal entitlement the Academy will receive more funding to invest in more staffing, enrichment opportunities and learning support for children. You will also receive access to school holiday food vouchers and access to funded holiday club places for your children during school holidays.

Finally, to help your child feel confident and prepared for the return to school, here are a few suggestions for that final week of the holidays in August:

- Encourage your child to pack their bag the night before school.
- Replace lost or broken items as soon as possible.
- Check and label all equipment with your child's name.
- Discuss with your child the importance of being organised and responsible.

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- Use a checklist at home for the first few weeks in September to help form good habits.

We believe these expectations will have a positive impact on learning, organisation, and overall school readiness.

We appreciate your support in helping your child get off to a strong and well-prepared start in September. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school via the “Talk With The Albion” link on our website [Talk with The Albion Academy](#)

Have a lovely summer break, we look forward to seeing you again or for the first time in September.

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