



TENBURYHIGH

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4th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this message finds you well and that you had a well-deserved break over half term.

At the heart of everything we do — both here at school and across Ormiston Academies Trust — is a shared commitment to providing every pupil with the very best education.

To ensure professional development is implemented successfully, we will be increasing the number of staff training days to **eight** for the **2025/2026 academic year**. This one-year change will provide staff with the dedicated time they need to plan, collaborate and prepare outstanding learning experiences for all pupils.

We understand the importance of balancing staff development with family routines, and this decision has been made with careful consideration. The additional staff training days will directly support improvements in teaching and learning which are changes we believe will make a lasting and positive difference to your child's education.

As you may know, staff training days are a required part of the school year and must take place during term time, in line with guidance from the Department for Education. As an academy trust, we have flexibility in setting our school calendar, and many trusts across the country allocate up to 10 training days annually. By introducing eight, we believe we are striking a thoughtful balance.

As part of this, I'd like to inform you of **two additional training days** that will take place during the **autumn term of the 2025/2026 academic year**:

- **Friday 17th October 2025**
- **Friday 5th December 2025**

To support these extra days we have had to move the TED that was scheduled for 28th November to Thursday 4th December. The full list of term dates and staff training dates is attached for information and a copy is also available on the website.

These additional days will be used to deliver high-quality professional development for our middle leaders — including subject leads — who play a key role in shaping the teaching and learning that happens every day in your child's classroom.

We are sharing these dates now to give you as much notice as possible and to support your planning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and understanding.

Warm regards

Mrs V Dean
Principal



Term Dates 2025 – 2026 *(please note the TED/Staff Training Dates remain subject to change)*

TED1	Monday 1st September 2025 (school closed to pupils)
TED2	Tuesday 2nd September 2025 (school closed to pupils)
Term Starts	Wednesday 3 rd September (Year 7 and Year 11) Thursday 4 th September (Year 8, 9, 10)
OAT TRAINING DATE 1	Friday 17th October 2025 (school closed to pupils) – **NEW DATE**
Half Term	Monday 27 th October 2025 – Friday 31 st October 2025
TED3	Thursday 4th December 2025 (school closed to pupils) – **AMENDED DATE** <i>this replaces TED that was scheduled for Friday 28th November 2025</i>
OAT TRAINING DATE 2	Friday 5th December 2025 (school closed to pupils) – **NEW DATE**
Term Ends	Friday 19 th December 2025

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Term Starts	Monday 5 th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16 th February 2026 – Friday 20 th February 2026
OAT TRAINING DATE 3	Monday 23rd February 2026 (school closed to pupils)
TED4	Friday 13th March 2026 (school closed to pupils)
Term Ends	Friday 27 th March 2026

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Term Starts	Monday 13 th April 2026
May Day	Monday 4 th May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25 th May 2026 – Friday 29 th May 2026
Term Ends	Friday 17 th July 2026
TED5	Monday 20th July 2026 (school closed to pupils)

NOTE: TED is a staff training day when school is closed to pupils