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End of Year Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the academic year.

Each year seems to pass more quickly than the last, and this year has been no exception. We have remained focused on supporting our children and young people, together with their families, as they navigate individual challenges and work towards their personal goals. We hope that Pathways Learning Centre plays a small part in making a positive difference, and we have been delighted to celebrate so many successes and achievements with our pupils throughout the year.

You may have already received a text message reminding you that the school year will end with an early finish at **12:30pm on Friday 17 July 2026**. Transport arrangements have been adjusted accordingly, and pupils will be collected at this earlier time.

I would also like to take this opportunity to clarify arrangements for the start of the new academic year and provide some additional information that may be helpful over the summer break.

Summer Holiday Programme

For parents and carers interested in accessing activities during the summer holidays, South Gloucestershire Council offers a range of holiday clubs and food programmes throughout the break.

Many of these activities are free for children who are eligible for free school meals, while others are available at a cost. Further information can be found via the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme at:

South Gloucestershire HAF Programme

If you do not have online access and would like a printed copy of the programme information, please contact the PLC office before the end of term and we will be happy to provide one.

Support over the summer holiday

If your child requires additional support during the summer break, or if you would like advice or guidance, we have included a list of services and organisations that are available to support families over the holiday period (see below).

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Year 11s Exam Results

The school will be open between 10am and 12 noon on Thursday 20 August for all year 11s to collect their exam results.

September 2026 Arrangements

Term Dates

Staff will be attending two INSET Days on **Tuesday 1 September 2026** and **Wednesday 2 September 2026**. School will therefore reopen for all pupils on **Thursday 3 September 2026**.

This includes pupils accessing off-site provision or home tuition, although some individual programmes may begin on a different day during the first week of term. Where this applies, you will receive separate communication regarding your child's timetable.

All term dates and INSET dates for the academic year are listed below.

End of Year Reports

Over the next week or so, you will receive an end of year progress report for your information. Any gaps in the subject reports are because staff have only recently started to work with a pupil, or the student is new to our setting.

Timetables and group arrangements

Cotswold Groups – Timetables and group arrangements for September are currently being finalised. We aim for every Cotswold pupil to receive a copy of their timetable before the end of term. Pupils will continue to attend from **8:45am to 2:45pm**. Transport arrangements will remain unchanged for those entitled to school transport. Any transport queries should be directed to the Local Authority Transport Team, as transport arrangements are managed by the Local Authority rather than PLC. For questions regarding the Cotswold provision, please contact **Heather Beach**, who will be happy to assist.

Fosse (Primary) Groups - Pupils will continue to attend from 8:45am to 2:45pm. Transport arrangements will remain unchanged for those entitled to school transport. Any transport-related queries should be directed to the Local Authority Transport Team. For questions regarding the Fosse (Primary) provision, please contact **Cassie Perryman**, who will be happy to help.

Frome Groups – All on-site pupils will continue to attend from 8:45am to 1:45pm. Some pupils will access PLC's Late Programme. Details of these arrangements will be confirmed separately with families where relevant. Transport arrangements will remain unchanged for those entitled to transport. Any transport queries should be directed to the Local Authority Transport Team. If you have any questions regarding the Frome provision, please contact **Stephen Callow**, who will be pleased to assist.

Home Tuition - Individual timetables are being drafted and a copy will be emailed to you by the end of term. If you have any questions regarding the Home Tuition provision, please contact **Sarah McCombe**, who will be pleased to help.

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Things We Need From You

1. Updated Contact Details

to ensure we have accurate information in the event of an emergency, please notify us of any changes to your contact details before the start of Term 1. It is essential that we hold at least **two contact numbers** and **two emergency contacts** for every pupil

2. Attendance

Every day of learning matters, and regular attendance has a significant impact on the progress and outcomes pupils achieve. We recognise that many PLC pupils face additional challenges and we will continue to work flexibly and compassionately with families.

However, **we expect pupils to attend all sessions that form part of their agreed programme.**

If your child is unable to attend, please inform our Attendance Team by emailing attendance@pathwayslearningcentre.org

As a referral setting, PLC may need to review placements where there is ongoing non-attendance or a lack of engagement, particularly when places are needed for pupils currently on our waiting list. Attendance and engagement remain important conditions of a placement at PLC, particularly for dual-registered pupils.

If you have concerns about your child's attendance, please contact us so that we can work together to find a solution.

3. Placement continuation at PLC

For dual-registered pupils, ongoing medical evidence is required for placements to continue beyond the initial 12-week period. This may include confirmation from a medical professional, such as a paediatrician or CAMHS practitioner, that support from PLC remains necessary for a defined period.

Where medical support or intervention has concluded, the pupil's placement at PLC may also come to an end, with a return to their home school planned accordingly. This is one reason why attendance remains so important, as regular engagement helps evidence the level of support that may continue to be required. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact your child's Unit Coordinator.

Communications

As always, we will continue to focus on building positive relationships with pupils and supporting them to re-engage successfully when they return in September. Our priority remains to provide programmes that meet each pupil's individual needs and help them achieve successful outcomes, whether that is returning to mainstream education, progressing to specialist provision, or moving on to Post-16 destinations.

If you feel your child's programme should be reviewed, please do get in touch. We will continue to hold three placement reviews during the year to ensure that both pupils and families are fully involved in planning and decision-making.

For general communications, parents and carers are asked to contact PLC via the school office **01454 862630**, or via email, to make arrangements to speak to any staff. If you do not have the direct email address, please use the general school email address which is office@pathwayslearningcentre.org. **A list of key contact can be found at the bottom of this letter.**

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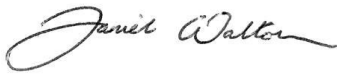
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Finally, I would like to wish all of our pupils, parents, carers and families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another successful year of learning.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Daniel Walton'.

Daniel Walton
Headteacher Pathways Learning Centre AP Academy

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Out of School Support and guidance for the summer holiday

Not being able to attend Pathways will be more difficult for some students than others. We want you to know there are sources of support for you over the summer period and beyond.

If you are a student in need of support, we have listed below some support services you can access should you feel overwhelmed in the summer break.

- **KOOTH** – Mental health support for young people.

Join at <https://www.kooth.com/>

Or for more urgent support at <https://www.kooth.com/urgent-support>

- Specific support for mental health can be accessed via **CAMHS Emergency Support Line (0800 9539599)**
- **General medical assistance**; call **NHS direct - 111**
- **In an absolute emergency - call 999**

Other Help and Advice

For other support and advice links, the PLC website contains useful advice and links to other agencies, including Early Help Support Services

'Student info' - <https://www.pathwayslearningcentre.org.uk/help-and-support/>

Chat Health - Text 07312 263175 Monday- Friday 9-4pm. Term time and holidays. Confidential advice and support and to chat with a school nurse. (Except bank holidays).

YoungMinds - [Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | Young Minds](#)

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Key Contacts

If you have any questions or queries, now or throughout the year, please note the following key contacts:

- **General enquiries** via the school office: 01454 862630
- **Fosse** provision - KS1 & KS 2 Primary pupils (on site)
Cassie Perryman (Primary Co-ordinator)
- **Cotswold** provision for KS3 & 4
Heather Beach - (Cotswold Co-ordinator)
- **Frome** provision for KS3 & 4
Stephen Callow – (Frome Co-Ordinator)
- **Home Tuition** provision – Sarah McCombe (HT Co-ordinator)
- **SEND Co** – Michelle Skelton
- **Head of Student Support, Interventions and Safeguarding** - Laura Spires
- **Assistant Headteacher** – Gareth Jones
- **Deputy Headteacher** – Connie Coppin
- **Headteacher** – Daniel Walton

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Term Dates and INSET Days during 2026 - 2027

This information can also be found on our website under the 'Information' tab.

INSET days

- **Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2026**
- **Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th January 2027**
- **Thursday 25th March 2027**
- **Wednesday 21 July 2027**

Autumn – Term 1

Tuesday 1st September 2026 – Friday 23rd October 2026

Autumn – Term 2

Monday 2nd November 2026 – Friday 18th December 2026

Spring – Term 3

Monday 4th January 2027 – Friday 12th February 2027

Spring – Term 4

Monday 22nd February 2027 – Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer – Term 5

Monday 12th April 2027 – Friday 28th May 2027

Summer – Term 6

Monday 7th June 2027 – Wednesday 21st July 2027

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