

Friday 4th July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Information regarding the end of term and re-opening arrangements in September 2025

It gives me great pleasure to write to you and thank you for the support which you have given to myself and staff this year as we approach the end of term. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer break and we look forward to your child returning, or in some cases, starting as a new student next term as school re-opens to all students on **Wednesday 3rd September 2025**.

This has been another exciting year for us all and one in which we have seen our Year 11 students complete GCSE courses and also sit their final examinations here on site with us for the first time. In May, we also received an inspection of the school by Ofsted. I have already shared the very positive outcomes from the inspection with you and Northumberland PRU is proud to have maintained its very standards of being a Good school in all areas.

I am also pleased to inform you that there will be very little change to our current staffing next year.

Below you will find details of the final week in school as well as information about the start to the new academic year.

Please also see the Northumberland PRU website at <http://www.pru.northumberland.sch.uk/website> which also carries key information about all aspects of the school.

You will also find the following documents enclosed in this envelope:

- Northumberland PRU Term Dates 2025-26
- Northumberland PRU School Uniform Information 2025-26

Details of final week of term (Monday 14th – Friday 18th July 2025)

School will operate as normal every day during the final week of term with the exception of Friday 18th July. On Friday we will be saying our goodbyes to those students who will be leaving us and all students will attend a whole school lunch before being dismissed for the summer holiday and entering taxis at the earlier time of 12:30pm.

Details of return to school in September

Monday 1st September 2025 – **Teacher training Day** (School closed to students)

Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – **Teacher training Day** (School closed to students)

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 – **School reopens to all students**

School building improvements

Over the summer holidays we will be using the time to make some key improvements to the building ready for September. Firstly, we will be carrying out further decorating work in order to help improve the look of the building in specific areas and we will be replacing some doors on site. Additional ground works will also be conducted to ensure our site looks as good and is as safe as possible.

School uniform in September (Please see sheet included with this letter)

All students in Years 7 – 11 must attend school in full Northumberland PRU uniform. Once again, we will be providing all new students joining the PRU with their own polo shirts and sweaters free of charge. For current students a charge will be made for uniform (prices available on school website).

Students have previously been exceptionally good at wearing the correct uniform and we expect this to continue next year. You can help us by reminding your child of the school's expectations regarding appearance and conduct. Please see the enclosed uniform guide which addresses all areas of uniform.

Student attendance and punctuality

All students (Year 7 – 11) from September **must** continue to remain on the school premises for the full duration of the school day (except when attending a visit or off-site activity), which promotes good punctuality and attendance and which also strongly impacts positively towards further increasing high standards of teaching and learning.

May I please request that doctor or dental appointments are made after 2:30pm wherever possible, ensuring that you provide medical evidence (letter or appointment card) for any medical related absences. I must also stress that in line with DfE guidelines that students must not be taken out of school during term time for holidays as permission cannot be given.

Health & safety and student behaviour expectations

Detailed information about the school behaviour policy and our 'Behaviour for Learning' and rewards systems can be found on the school website.

Site security – Banned items, mobile telephones and other technical equipment

In line with the Northumberland PRU security policy, all students are given the opportunity to hand in any personal items upon arrival to school which are then securely stored for the day. These items are returned to all students upon departure at the end of each school day. All students are then scanned by a 'hand wand' device to ensure that no items are brought into the school building which are prohibited. This system has operated very successfully during this current academic year

and students both co-operate and tell us that they are appreciative of how we ensure health and safety on our site.

All mobile telephones must continue to be handed in to staff members each morning by all students for safekeeping in line with directions given to all schools by the Department for Education.

Break time and lunch time – Student catering and refreshments

I can confirm that the cost of a daily breakfast will continue to be fully covered by the school. Lunch is dependent upon whether an individual student is in receipt of Free School Meals.

Looking ahead

There continues to be a lot of excitement about the future for the school as we make small changes to our curriculum offer so that we can accommodate different key stages of students and we look forward to welcoming our new group of students who will be joining us in September.

With your valued and on-going partnership, I look forward to sharing further successes and updates with you throughout the coming months. You will always be kept updated and we will continue to work together to support all of our students.

Yours faithfully,



Richard Carr, Headteacher