



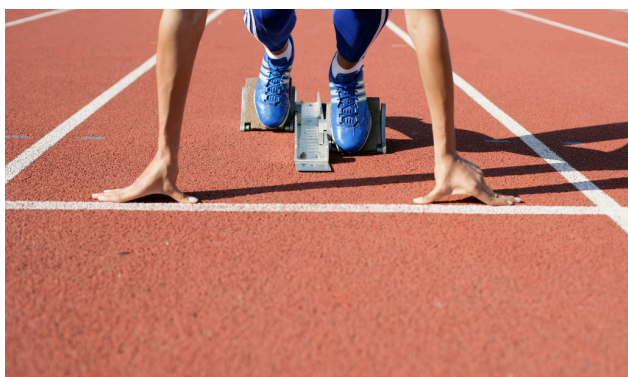
WBS STAKEHOLDERS' BULLETIN

From the Office of the Principal

CHRISTMAS TERM - AY2026/2027

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As we prepare to begin Academic Year 2026/2027 on Monday, September 7, 2026, I extend warm greetings to every member of our community—new and returning—on behalf of the entire school leadership. We look forward to another year of growth, accomplishment and meaningful engagement as we continue the work of building upon the Legacy of Excellence bequeathed to us by our Founder, John Wolmer, and carried forward since 1729 by generations of distinguished Wolmerians and the dedicated staff who have served this institution with honour over the years.



Although the formal school year begins on September 7, our preparations begin several weeks earlier. From Thursday, August 13, the campus comes alive with a carefully sequenced programme of orientation, induction, professional development and preparation, designed to ensure that our students, families and staff are ready for the year ahead.

I therefore ask all members of the community to take careful note of the following arrangements.

13 AUG	New Parents' Interaction
18 AUG	1st Form Orientation (all new students are invited)
19 - 21 AUG	NTOP
24 - 28 AUG	Continuing Staff Training & Professional Development
31 AUG - 4 SEP	Year Group Orientations
7 SEP	Start of AY2026/2027

NEW STAFF, NEW FAMILIES' ORIENTATIONS

Our pre-school-year activities begin with the annual New Parents' Interaction on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Douglas Orane Auditorium, followed by First Form Orientation on Tuesday, August 18, at 8:30 a.m. We warmly encourage all new families to participate, as these sessions provide an invaluable introduction to Wolmer's culture, expectations, systems, support structures and opportunities, giving families a useful head start as they settle into the community.

Our New Teacher Onboarding Programme (NTOP) runs from August 19–21, providing three days of induction for new staff. Returning staff will then engage in refresher, preparation and upskilling activities from August 24–28, beginning daily at 8:30 a.m. The week of August 31–September 4 will be dedicated to Year Group Orientations, with detailed schedules communicated separately.





AN IMPORTANT CHANGE TO THE CHRISTMAS TERM SCHOOL DAY

Families should note that the daily school schedule will be adjusted for the Christmas Term of AY2026/2027 while construction works are undertaken on the Sixth Form Block. As the works will temporarily reduce our usual complement of classrooms, we have developed a modified timetable that allows us to make the best possible use of available teaching spaces while safeguarding instructional time and maintaining the orderly operation of the school. This is a temporary contingency arrangement.

On Mondays, the school day will begin at 7:25 a.m. with General Assembly, concluding at 8:05 a.m., after which classes will begin for all year groups. Monday morning will therefore become our primary whole-school assembly period, allowing us to minimize interruptions to the instructional programme during the remainder of the week.

From Tuesday to Friday, students in Forms 1–5 will begin their formal programme at 8:05 a.m. The 8:05–8:45 a.m. period will be used strategically for Form Assemblies, Form Room Devotions, Year Group Assemblies and other pastoral and developmental activities. These will be staggered across the year groups to ensure effective use of the spaces available.

Sixth Form students and families should take particular note that Grades 12 and 13 will begin classes at 7:25 a.m. from Tuesday to Friday. This earlier start enables Sixth Form instruction to utilize classrooms before the wider school programme is fully underway. Students are therefore asked to make the necessary transportation arrangements to be on campus and ready for instruction before 7:25 a.m.

Lunch periods will also be staggered: Sixth Form, 10:05–10:45 a.m.; Lower School, 10:45–11:25 a.m.; and Upper School, 11:25 a.m.–12:05 p.m.

We recognize that adjustments of this nature require some adaptation and appreciate the cooperation of students, families and staff. These arrangements have been carefully developed to maintain continuity, protect learning time and allow the important improvement works to proceed with the least possible disruption to school life.

HOUSE LIFE & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The new schedule gives greater emphasis to House leadership, extra-curricular participation and student development.

Tuesday–Friday, 7:25–8:05 a.m., is reserved for extra-curricular activities and House leadership meetings, protecting time for learning beyond the classroom.

The House system will follow a year-long programme of sporting, academic, cultural, technological and creative competitions. The 2026/2027 House Competition Calendar includes:

Month	Activity 1	Activity 2	Activity 3
September	Football	Quiz	—
October	Table Tennis	Chess	T10 Cricket
November	Lawn Tennis	Mathematics & Problem-Solving	Swimming
January	Field Hockey	Debating	Culinary
February	Track & Field/Sports Day	Art & Craft	Cross Country
March	Basketball	Speech	Robotics
April	Volleyball	Music	—
May	Crowning of the Overall Champion House for the Year		

Sports Day's Champion House will be crowned in February; results across all competitions will determine the Overall Champion House in May.

The programme gives every Wolmerian—athlete, scholar, artist, technologist or performer—a chance to represent his House and contribute to its success.



SECURING A STRONG RHYTHM FOR SCHOOL LIFE

The Christmas Term adjustments will support construction while keeping the school week consistent:

- Monday General Assembly;
- year-group and form activities;
- protected House and extracurricular time;
- staggered movement and lunches; and
- maximum instruction despite limited space.

We ask students, parents and staff for patience, cooperation and punctuality as we implement the contingency timetable. More details will follow through our communication channels.

