



BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE

Headteacher: Dr Simon Uttley

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22nd June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

In light of the weather forecasted for this week and the extreme heat warning issued for Reading, we are making the following changes to our school week.

Tuesday 23rd June 2026

The school is **open as normal** for all students - **08:35-15:05**

Wednesday 24th June 2026

School will be **closed**. Remote learning will be in place for all students.

Thursday 25th June 2026

School will be **closed**. Remote learning will be in place for all students.

Friday 26th June 2026

The school is **open as normal** for all students - **08:35-15:05**

Information will be shared with students via school email addresses tomorrow, regarding online learning.

We have spent today assessing the school site and the learning environments, along with liaising with the Local Authority and the Portsmouth Diocese and have made the difficult decision to close the school on Wednesday and Thursday. The danger that these temperatures can present, and the specific challenges presented by our building must take priority. We recognise the impact that these changes will have on our students and families, however we must consider the safety and wellbeing of all members of our school community.

At this very busy time of the year, we have had to postpone and reschedule some important school events. These are outlined below:

Year 10 Mocks

The remainder of the Year 10 Mock examinations will take place on **Monday 29th June** and **Wednesday 1st July**. Details will be shared with students and parents shortly.



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Year 12 Mocks

Year 12 mocks will take place next week. Dates and times will be shared with students and families in due course.

Portsmouth Annual Schools' Mass

A group of students were due to attend the Diocese of Portsmouth Annual Schools' Mass at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on Wednesday 24th June. Unfortunately, this **will not go ahead**.

Year 6 Induction Day and Evening

This event will not go ahead on Thursday. We will be writing to all Year 7 2026 intake parents with details of an alternative date.

We appreciate the challenges that this disruption will bring to many of our families. We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Dr S Uttley
Headteacher

Ms N Hardy
Chair of Governors

