

9 July 2026

Dear all

We are drawing to a close another academic year and as always it has flown by. This year we have had so many successes such as the Young Enterprise Team, Duke of Edinburgh, many school trips and visitors and a strong commitment from students and staff. I am particularly impressed with the increase in attendance. Year 13 has improved by 7% and Year 12 by 2%. Both of these figures put us in line with the national average. When analysing predicted grades for Year 13 we are looking at improving in all major performance indicators. Students have much to feel proud of and staff we thank you as parents for all the support you have given over the year.

Looking ahead here are some key dates for your diaries:

Friday 24 July - Last day of term - lessons will end at 12.30

Thursday 13 August - A Level Results Day - collect results from VI form 08.30 - 12.00 - please enter the school via the old student entrance. All queries regarding remarks will be dealt with on Friday

Friday 14 August - A Level queries/remarking queries at the VI form - 09.00 - 12.00

Thursday 21 August - GCSE results for GCSE Maths and English results to be collected from Medina College

Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 August - Enrolment Days for new intake of Year 12 - please enter the school through the staff car park in Orchard Road.

Thursday 3 September - Year 12 start back at 08.45

Friday 4 September - Year 13 and Year 14 start back at 08.45

There are some key legislation changes for September. These changes are enforced by the law and are not school specific rule:

- 1) Mobile phones - At VI (different to lower school) students can still be using their phones during break time and study periods. However, they should only have them out in lessons to support learning and by permission of the teacher. During lesson times phones should not be used for social media etc.

- 2) Vapes/Cigarettes - It has already been illegal to smoke or vape on site. However, the enforcement zone has now increased. Staff or Students cannot vape or smoke in sight of the college buildings. This means no vaping/smoking outside the entrance. You will either need to go to Church Litten or further down the road. This is the law as we are a public building.

In September we will have revised timetable of the day

The Island VI Form (Year 12 and 13)		
Period (name)	time from	time to
P1 & 2	08:45	10.45
Tutor Time	10.45	11:05
Break	11:05	11:30
P3 & 4	11:30	13:30
Lunch	13:30	14:15
P5	14:15	15:15

Things to remember:

- 1) Attendance is really important with good attendance being classified as 95% or above. There is a direct correlation between attendance and outcomes in terms of academic ability.
- 2) If a student is ill they must email in to attendance@theislandviform.org.uk by 08.30. Working, driving lessons and holidays for example are not permitted as authorised absences. A student's attendance that drops below 90% will trigger an attendance monitoring process that could result in a student losing their place at the VI Form.
- 3) Dress code - please continue to remember this should follow the basic principles of not too short, not see through, no expletives on clothes, covered footwear and no crop tops. Students should be wearing smart casual clothes.
- 4) Most students have on average 10 study periods a week, this should be utilised to complete home learning, further develop their super curricular knowledge of their subject, applying for apprenticeships or UCAS and accessing extra support from their teachers. Students are encouraged to use the school facilities in these periods. There are many computers and study areas available to use.
- 5) The main Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead at the VI Form site is myself and I am supported by deputy DSL's who are Mr Stott and Mr Williams. It is important as part of safeguarding that all students wear their lanyards and tap in and tap out of the site every time they come onto site or leave site.

- 6) As a reminder our SEND team is run by Jayne Rockley (jayne.rockley@theislandviiform.org.uk) and our exams team is run by Cat Cousins (cat.couzens@theislandviiform.org.uk) both of whom can be contacted via email or through student services.

From all the staff at the VI Form, we wish you a safe and happy summer holiday and we really look forward to welcoming you back for a new academic year in September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'H' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Mr Phil Pearce-Jones
Head of The Island VI Form