



22nd July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Start of term arrangements - September 2026

A busy few weeks of assessments, Sports Day and Enrichment activities end another academic year! As we approach the summer holidays, I write with some updates and reminders ahead of the new school year in September.

Arrangements for the beginning of term

Years 7 and 11 pupils return to school on **Friday 4th September**. Years 8, 9 and 10 pupils return to school on **Monday 7th September**. All pupils are required to return in full school uniform and should be fully equipped to make a good start to their learning following the summer holidays. All year groups should arrive promptly ready for the bell at 8.40am, with Year 7 reporting to West Manor Hall on their first day and Year 11 reporting to East Manor Hall.

Equipment & Homework

Good preparation is key to good learning. All pupils are required to have a pencil case on their desk in every lesson. Please ensure that your child brings the following basic equipment to school every day in their pencil case: a pen, pencil, ruler, and eraser. Scientific calculators are also required. Replacement equipment will be available to purchase from Student Services located in the West Manor building. Homework is also important for success. Please work with your child to ensure that they complete their homework on time and to the best of their ability; more information about homework expectations will be provided in September.

Behaviour expectations

Lawn Manor Academy will be expecting outstanding behaviour to ensure a positive learning culture for all pupils. Quite simply, there will not be an opportunity for any pupil to disrupt the learning of others and there will be a robust approach should any pupil choose to do so. Similarly, there will be a zero-tolerance approach to ensuring basic expectations are adhered to, including same-day detentions for the following behaviours: arriving late to school after the bell at 8.40am, being sent to Safety Net, losing a Conduct Card, incorrect uniform, and not being prepared for learning by failing to bring equipment to school. We ask parents and carers to be fully supportive of these high standards. Full details are available on the Lawn Manor Academy website www.lawnmanor.org.

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Uniform & presentation expectations

As previously communicated, in response to changes in Government guidance, we are introducing changes to our school uniform from September 2026, supported by a two-year phased transition period. The aim is to ensure that any changes are implemented carefully, fairly and with minimal financial impact on families. This means that for current Lawn Manor families, the new uniform items are **optional** and **not required until September 2028**.

In response, we are introducing a branded navy jumper option alongside our existing uniform, with the blazer being phased out by September 2028. The navy polo shirt will be an option all year round under the jumper.

Option 1* (From Sept. 2026 - July 2028)	Option 2* (From Sept. 2026- July 2028)	Option 3* (Optional from Sept. 2026 & compulsory from September 2028)
LMA Blazer, White Shirt & LMA Tie	White Shirt, LMA Tie & LMA Navy Jumper	Navy Polo Shirt, LMA Navy Jumper
*All other uniform expectations remain the same ** For Terms 1-4, when worn under the LMA Jumper, the Navy Polo Shirt may be plain, however for Terms 5&6, or if worn without the jumper, the current LMA summer uniform Polo Shirt with the LMA logo is to be worn.		

For LMA branded items, our uniform supplier will continue to be Uniform Direct, who we believe continue to provide a good level of service at affordable prices. During the transition period:

- The current Lawn Manor blazer will remain fully acceptable.
- Families will not be expected to replace uniform items that are still in good condition.
- Pupils may choose to wear the blazer, the jumper, or both, depending on preference.
- Both uniform options will run alongside each other during the phased implementation period.

High standards of uniform and presentation are expected of all pupils, and the school unashamedly takes pride in this. There are good reasons for this. A smart uniform helps to create a sense of community; it also removes distraction and competition which may be caused by an individual's style of dress and allows

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pupils to concentrate on learning. It also allows staff to focus on Teaching & Learning rather than taking up valuable time to deal with uniform issues. Uniform must be worn to and from the school; it is not acceptable for pupils to arrive to school in non-uniform items and then change them. The Dress Code and Behaviour Policies are clear that there are no exceptions to these expectations, and they explain the consequences that will be put in place should a pupil not meet the requirements.

Mobile Phones

I would like to remind parents and carers that in line with Government guidance, Ascend Learning Trust schools will operate as mobile phone-free environments throughout the school day, including lessons, transitions, break times and lunchtime, from 1 September 2026. This approach is designed to reduce distraction, support positive behaviour and help pupils focus fully on their learning, friendships and wellbeing. Families may choose that their child does not bring a mobile phone to school. However, for any pupil who *does* bring a mobile phone, arrangements for handing in and storage during the school day will be in place; more details will be provided before the start of term. This is a change from our current rules about pupils ensuring their phones are not seen, heard or used. Phones should not be used on the school site, even after they have been returned, and must only be used once pupils have left the premises.

Mobile phones are brought to school at the pupils' own risk

Holidays/Absence of leave

Next year's term dates can be found on the school website under the news/events tab. A reminder to parents that, in line with Government legislation, Lawn Manor Academy is unable to authorise requests for leave of absence for the purpose of family holidays during term time. Any absence that is not authorised by the school, may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80 per parent, per child. A Fixed Penalty Notice is £80 if paid within 21 days, failure to comply will result in an increase to £160 if paid within 28 days. A Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued to each parent/carer per child.

Communication

We use a text and email service to communicate directly with parents and carers, however, this depends on us having an up-to-date email address/mobile number for all parents/carers, so we ask that you ensure that you keep the school informed of any changes to your email address and mobile telephone number please.

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On behalf of everyone at Lawn Manor Academy, I would like to thank you for your support this year. I do hope the holidays are enjoyable, and we look forward to welcoming all our pupils back in September.

Yours sincerely,

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