



Woolwich Polytechnic
School for Girls

Headteacher: Ms L Williams BEd (Hons) NPQH

01/09/2026

Dear Families,

Re: Return to School September 2026

We hope that you had an enjoyable summer. After celebrating excellent GCSE results over the summer, we look forward to welcoming students back for the new academic year.

Please see below key information for the return to school.

Tuesday 01/09/2026	INSET DAY	Staff Only
Wednesday 02/09/2026	INSET DAY	Staff Only
Thursday 03/09/2026	Y7 Return Only	Y7 Start of Day: 09:30 am Y7 End of Day: 13:45 pm
Friday 04/09/2026	Whole School Return	Y7 Start of Day: 09:30 am Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11 Start of Day: 8:15 am Y7 End of Day: 14:15 pm Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11 End of Day: 14:55 pm
Monday 07/09/2026	Normal School Day	Normal school timings for all year groups. Start of Day 8:15 am and End of Day 14:55 pm

Students arrive via the Birchdene Drive entrance and exit via the back gate which is adjacent to Hutchins Road. To ensure student and community safety, we ask that parents do not park or drop students off in Birchdene Drive. Parking enforcement officers now operate in Birchdene Drive.

Please see below polite reminders as we enter the new academic year.

Uniform Expectations:

As we return to school, we expect all students to be in correct uniform.

Compulsory Branded items:

- School Blazer
- School Tie
- School PE Top



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Compulsory Non-Branded:

- White shirt/blouse (can be long or short sleeved)
- Black flat shoes (No trainers, canvas shoes, high heels, or shoes that resemble trainers will be permitted. Flat ankle boots are allowed)
- Black skirts that should be pleated and touch the top of the knee at a minimum. Pencil skirts are not permitted. (Longer straight skirts for cultural or religious reasons are allowed.)
- Plain opaque black tights or black ankle socks/knee high socks (no patterns or other colours)

OR

- Black straight cut trousers (should be plain, straight legged, black trousers– no leggings.

Items that are not permitted:

- False Eyelashes/ Nails
- Nail Varnish
- Trainers
- Hoodies
- Handbags
- Jewellery (one pair of studded earrings is permitted)
- Crew Neck jumpers that prevent the school tie being visible.

Equipment

Students are expected to bring the following equipment:

- X2 Black Pen
- X2 Purple Pen
- X2 Sharpen Pencils
- Ruler (15cm)
- Eraser
- Reading Book
- Scientific Calculator
- Highlighter set
- Refillable plastic water bottle.
- PE Kit (on days the student has PE)
- Contact Diary
- Exercise Book(s) / Homework for timetabled lessons on the day.

Note: Students must not carry scissors.



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Year 7 students will be provided with a lanyard and ID card. If students in other year groups require a new ID card or lanyard because theirs has been lost or damaged, replacements can be purchased via the products section on My Child at School.

Mobile Phones and Electronics:

Further to my letter last academic year, we will be rolling out phone pouches later this term. Additional communication regarding this roll out will be shared in the coming weeks.

Until this time, the school remains a phone free site. This means students should turn their phone off as they enter the school site and it should not be seen or heard throughout the school day. If a phone is seen or heard it will be confiscated in accordance with our behaviour policy.

Attendance & Punctuality:

Attendance and punctuality remain a focus this academic year. All students are expected to attend school every day. Whilst occasional sickness is unavoidable, it is of key importance that the attendance of every student is kept above **97%**. If a student is regularly absent, they will fall behind with learning, this makes attendance fundamental in making sure young people become successful learners.

To report student absence due to sickness please use the StudyBugs platform: full details are available on our website.

To report lateness, or for any other attendance related matters, please email wpgattendance@woolwichpolygirls.co.uk

The school day starts at 8:15am and students are expected to be onsite ready for lineup at 8:15am. Students should ensure their journey is planned and reasonable time factored into their journey to avoid lateness. If a student arrives after registration has closed, this is deemed an unauthorised absence for the AM session.

For full details please visit our website where our attendance policy can be found.

Kind regards,

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