

Valence News



Welcome Back to Valence!

We hope that all of our students and their families had a relaxing, enjoyable and exciting summer break. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and to see our community come back together for the start of another academic year.

Our staff began the term with a highly productive training day, focusing on maintaining high aspirations for every student and receiving important medical updates to ensure we continue to provide the very best care and support. At Valence, we are absolutely committed to creating an environment where every student feels that they belong, is valued for who they are, and is able to express themselves fully and confidently.



Throughout the summer break, a great deal of work has taken place across the school site. We are particularly looking forward to opening our new Student Common Room, which will provide an exciting new space for students to socialise and relax. We are also pleased that the refurbishment of the swimming pool changing rooms is nearing completion and look forward to sharing the finished facilities with students very soon.

Next week, we will be welcoming a new cohort of students and staff to Valence. We are excited to get to know the newest members of our community and help them settle into school life. We will share more about them in next week's newsletter.

A reminder that mobile phones are no longer permitted for use during the school day. We have introduced secure lockable pouches for those students who bring phones into school, and these have been very well received. The change is already having a hugely positive impact, particularly during lunchtime, where we are seeing greater levels of interaction, engagement and participation across the school community.

In today's assembly, we focused on the power of the little things we can all do to make a big difference. Whether it is a smile, a kind word, helping a friend or welcoming someone new, small actions help create the warm, caring and inclusive community that makes Valence such a special place.

We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and all the opportunities it will bring.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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Date	Day	Time	DSL	DSL
07/09/26	Monday	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
08/09/26	Tuesday	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
09/09/26	Wednesday	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Kate Bayman
		Midday to 4pm	Kate Bayman	
10/09/26	Thursday	09:00 To midday	Kate Bayman	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
11/09/26	Friday	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Closed
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	



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