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Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Due to the current Red Weather Warning forecast, Great Marlow School will be closed to most students on Wednesday 24th June and Thursday 25th June. This decision is consistent with that taken by a number of other local schools, with the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff as our priority.

Year 12 examinations:

We intend to continue to run these in line with the published examination timetable. The examination space being used is located in a cooler area of the school, which is particularly effective when accommodating smaller groups of students.

Vulnerable students:

If you believe that your child may be vulnerable over the next few days due to the change in school arrangements, please contact safeguarding@gms.bucks.sch.uk so that we can discuss how best to support their welfare and safety.

Staff will use Microsoft Teams to set learning for students. This work can be completed at a time that best suits students across the day on Wednesday and Thursday and will be made available no later than the start of each timetabled lesson.

We strongly advise that students remain indoors as much as possible over the next few days in order to reduce the risk of harm from extreme heat and sun exposure. Should there be any changes to the weather warning, we will communicate these to you as soon as possible via email.

At present, Great Marlow School is planning to return to normal operations on Friday 26th June. A further update will be shared during the afternoon on Thursday 25th June.

Water safety and awareness:

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers and students that, during periods of hot weather, local water sites may be particularly tempting, especially for young people. Students in Years 7–10 were reminded during registration on Friday 19th June about the importance of staying safe around water. A [link](#) to the video shown has been shared so that you can view it and discuss it with your child. Further guidance from the [Canal and River Trust](#) has also been provided.

Year 8 Parent/ Carer Evening:

As this is a virtual event, it will go ahead as planned on Thursday 25th June.

Year 10 examinations:

Any examinations scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday will be rearranged, with revised timings communicated directly to students.

Year 11 Taster sessions:

These sessions will not take place on Wednesday and Thursday. Should it be possible to reschedule them before the end of term, we will contact you directly.

We appreciate that this closure may cause some inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and support in helping us prioritise the wellbeing of our school community.

Kind regards,
Guy Pendlebury
Headteacher