



CATERHAM
SCHOOL

Term Dates 2025 – 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Whole School Address and Staff INSET 1, Academic and Professional Services Staff	Monday 1 September, 9.00am – 12.00pm (Academic Staff INSET until 4pm approx.)
Academic Staff INSET 2	Tuesday 2 September, 8.45am – 4.00pm
New Boarders Arrival	Tuesday 2 September (timings will be sent separately)
School Induction Sessions for all pupils in the First Year, Lower Sixth and for new pupils in the Second, Third and Fourth Years	Wednesday 3 September
All other existing boarders arrive (unless requested to arrive earlier) and boarding in-house activities	Wednesday 3 September, by 4.00pm
Term Starts	Thursday 4 September, 8.30am
Boarders' Activities Weekend	Friday 5 September – Sunday 7 September
Boarders' Exeat Weekend	Friday 26 September, 4.00pm – Sunday 28 September, between 5.30pm and 8.30pm
Half-Term	Friday 17 October, 4.00pm - Monday 3 November, 8.30am
Boarders return	Sunday 2 November between 8.00am and 6.00pm
Boarders' Exeat Weekend	Friday 21 November, 4.00pm – Sunday 23 November, between 5.30pm and 8.30pm
Boarders' Activities Weekend	Friday 5 December – Sunday 7 December
Term Ends	Friday 12 December, 1.00pm

Spring Term 2026

Staff INSET 3	Monday 5 January
Boarders return (Upper Sixth and Fifth Year Pupils only)	Sunday 4 January 8.30am – 6.00pm
Boarders return (Remaining Boarders)	Monday 5 January 8.00am – 6.00pm
Term Starts Upper Sixth and Fifth Year Pupils only	Monday 5 January, 8.30am
Term Starts (Remaining year groups)	Tuesday 6 January, 8.30am
Boarders' Exeat Weekend	Friday 23 January – Sunday 25 January, between 5.30pm and 8.30pm
Half-Term	Friday 13 February 4.00pm – Monday 23 February, 8.30am
Boarders return	Sunday 22 February, between 5.30pm and 8.30pm
Boarders' Activities weekend	Friday 20 March, 4.00pm – Sunday 22 March
Term Ends	Tuesday 31 March, 4.00pm

Easter Weekend: Good Friday 3 April to Easter Monday 6 April

Summer Term 2026

Staff INSET 4	Monday 20 April
Boarders return	Monday 20 April, 8.00am - 6.00pm
Term Starts	Tuesday 21 April, 8.30am
Boarders' Exeat Weekend	Friday 1 May, 4.00pm – Monday 4 May, between 5.30pm and 8.30pm
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May
School resumes	Tuesday 5 May, 8.30am
Half-Term	Friday 22 May 4.00pm – Monday 1 June, 8.30am
Boarders return	Sunday 31 May, 5.30pm – 8.30pm
Junior Boarders' Activities Weekend	Friday 12 June – Sunday 14 June
Term Ends	Friday 3 July, 1.00pm
Speech Day	Saturday 4 July

Additional notes for boarders

An Exeat Weekend means that boarding pupils are expected to leave the House once lessons have finished at 4.00pm on Friday to spend the weekend away from school with their family or guardian. An Activities Weekend is one in which all boarders stay at school: during these weekends, activities and events are organised for all boarding pupils.

We advise that flights are booked well in advance so that pupils do not arrive back late at the start of term or indeed leave early at the end. If there are any problems, in the first instance please write to the Housemaster/mistress of your child, who will consult the Principal Deputy Head. Pupils in the Fifth Year and Upper Sixth may book flights to leave following completion of their public examinations in the Summer Term. This must be agreed in advance with the Housemaster/mistress.

At the start of Spring and Summer Terms, boarding houses will not open until 8.00am. Boarders are expected to return no later than 6.00pm. Following an Exeat Weekend or Half Term (except for the October Half Term), boarding houses will not be open until 5.30pm. Boarders are expected to return by 8.30pm on these occasions. We ask parents and guardians to ensure that their child does not arrive back at school before the boarding house is open.