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3rd June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Summer term information for parents/carers

We would like to thank parents/carers for your 100% support during the last 51 school days since our restart on 8th March. We have seen excellent levels of attendance and engagement from students and the feedback from Parents' Evening was excellent. Our students continue to impress us with their positive attitude to learning as well as being ready, respectful and safe each day.

Restart of live face to face assemblies

From Monday 7th June all year groups return to live assemblies in the School Hall. With rates of virus transmission in the local area very low we feel it is the appropriate time to reintroduce a crucial part of our Year 8 week where students will meet in the Hall to hear key messages from staff and visiting guest speakers. Year 8 assemblies will take place each Thursday (at 8.40am) with our programme built around key Personal, Social & Development issues as well as creating an opportunity to celebrate the great achievements of our students.

Changes to Period 2

Now that Year 11 and 13 have successfully completed their final teacher assessments we are able to alter the break timing for Year 8 back to what they were familiar with in Year 7. Students in Year 8 will now have their break at 11.00am following an uninterrupted Period 2. The rest of the school day will remain the same for the rest of the summer term.

Attendance target 96%

Year 8 attendance has been the best in the school consistently since our restart on 8th March and higher than Year 8 students nationally. We want to thank all of our parents who understand how important attendance is to the life chances of all young people. You have worked with us and we are here to support you and all of our families during these uncertain times. Each student has a 96% attendance target and we are pleased to say that 121 students have attendance greater than 96% since our restart on 8th March. More information can be found here on the process of monitoring and reporting attendance at HT including the process for penalty notices (fines) when unauthorised attendance falls below the desired level.

In addition to excellent school attendance our Year 8 students have the highest rates of attendance at after school co-curricular clubs with 38 boys regularly turning up to Friday football and out Food Technology club having 16 students attending every Wednesday. It is brilliant to see so many students take on the opportunities after school to broaden their horizons. It is important to note that once COVID-19 restrictions ease further more co-curricular activities will be offered. Our current co-curricular offering can be found here.

School Uniform

We encourage students to wear their uniform with pride as this is essential to create a sense of belonging and identity. Our School Uniform Policy states that:

- All students to wear black (polishable) school shoes
- Skirts to be worn at the correct length (below the knee)
- No false nails or nail varnish
- No nose piercings or false eyelashes
- Hoodies are not allowed
- The HT blazer is compulsory however the grey jumper is optional





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If your child is not wearing the correct uniform we will follow our Rewards, Behaviour and Discipline Policy and we will be contacting you in order to ensure that this is rectified as soon as possible.

The full School Uniform Policy can be found <u>here</u> for more information. We stand ready to support our families who might need additional time in order to purchase the necessary items and can provide appropriate lendable items (like blazers) should this be required.

Equipment and PE kit

PE kit is compulsory and students who do not have the correct kit will face sanctions as part of our Rewards, Behaviour and Discipline Policy. We refer all of our families to Miss Stevens' letter to parents found here with more details as to the expectations around PE kit.

Class equipment and books are an essential part of being ready for school. Students are expected to have a pencil case with pens, pencils, a ruler and sharpener as well as a scientific calculator and a maths set. Students should also have their own colouring in pencils to support work completed in art lessons. School equipment can be purchased on parent pay (Pencil case with equipment £2) or from the Year 8 office every day and students are reminded that their conduct cards will be signed on Class Charts for failure to bring the correct equipment. 6 conduct card signings will result in a one-hour payback after school.

GCSE option choices

A reminder that Year 8 students will not choose their GCSE option choices until Year 9. At HT we have a broad and balanced KS3 curriculum which allows a student to acquire a full range of knowledge and skills required for future use. A reminder that you can find our letter to parents here on our KS3 curriculum from Mr Newman and Mr Walsh.

Free School Meals (FSM)

The last 17 months have been tough for a large number of families across the country. The FSM system is available throughout the year for eligible families to apply. You can get FSM for your child if you receive any of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you don't earn more thank £16,190 per year)
- Universal credit
- It takes no longer than 5 minutes to complete the application found here. If you require support with the application please do get in touch with Mrs Carter carterv@haileyburyturnford.com as we can make the application on your behalf.

Half termly bulletins

Each half term our pastoral teams produce a bulletin highlighting student achievement and valuable information for students and families. Our most recent bulletin can be found here.

Contact details

If you have any concerns please do contact us on the following emails. The form tutor should always be your first port of call or if you believe that you require further and immediate assistance please do contact Mrs Carter on 01992308333 (extension 352).





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