



29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Great Start to the Term

I would like to start by saying a massive well done to our year 7 students for settling so brilliantly into their new school so quickly. I've visited a number of the lessons where the students have been excelling in their studies. Outside of the classroom they have got to grips with finding their way around school and our year 7s are now getting through the canteen in record time; from next week we will edge their lunchtime start back 5 minutes so that their period 3 lesson will be that bit longer - more learning time!

Breaktime/Lunchtime Arrangements

A big thank you is also owed to our other students who are now passing through the canteen and new "Harbour canteen" in much better time. We are working with our catering team to offer more till points and serving spaces at breaktime to ease the queuing here. I have checked the time at which lunch queues have cleared over the last fortnight and can assure parents that this is leaving students who wish to purchase food plenty of time to do so. We've also now opened our new outdoor picnic bench area which is proving popular for many of our students who can sit outside together over lunch, when the weather allows.

Year 11 Period 6 lessons

Mrs Lang launched 'P6' with year 11 on Thursday with the very clear message that early preparation for exams starts now. Students in year 11 are expected to attend those sessions that are offered for their classes as this has a massively positive impact on final exam grades in the summer. We would ask that as parents/carers you do everything you can to support your child in motivating them to begin revision early and showing positive attitudes to their studies both in class and with the extra support they are offered. A calendar of P6 is available [here](#). As a note, mocks for year 11 are in the week beginning 15th January. September has already flown by!! Year 11 is a pressured year but starting revision now helps spread this pressure over a longer period and can help reduce the intensity. Thank you for supporting your child.

Year 11 Geography Field Trips



Our amazing year 11 geography students did themselves proud carrying out a number of fieldwork activities measuring rivers in the Crowden area last week. They waded into rivers to measure the width, depth and speed at varying points very confidently. We are so proud of their learning, enthusiasm and learnt skills! All of the geography teachers are extremely proud of them, well done!

Fencing victory!

Niamh H won a Bronze medal in a National Fencing Competition this month. Amazing Niamh!



Newly appointed Head Students

After a rigorous recruitment process, we are delighted to announce the following students have been appointed:

Head Students - Rebecca B and Eva D

Deputy Head Students - Tanisha B, Kira H and Bienvi D.

They have already been representing the school and are going to do an amazing job over the next year.

Ruben's Retreat – our school charity

After raising almost £1000 last year, the school charity will once again be Ruben's Retreat for the coming year. Watch this space for future fundraising!

Lost Property

We have had a lot of lost property already. Please remember to put your child's names in uniform items so if they are lost they can be returned. Any unclaimed items without names in will be recycled into our school 'shop'.

Don't be late!

Please make sure your child arrives on time, as if they are late there are sanctions in place (detentions). Here is a reminder of our school day:



2023-2024 School Day Timings



- **8:20am** - Gates open.
- **8:30am** - Doors open.
- **8:40-9:00am** - Form/assembly.
- **9:05-10:00am** – Lesson 1. 55 minutes.
- **10:05-11:05am** – Lesson 2. 60 minutes.
- **11:05-11:25am** – *Break. 20 minutes*
- **11:25-12:25pm** – Lesson 3. 60 minutes.
- **12:25-1:05pm** – *Lunch. 40 minutes*
- **1:05-2:05pm** – Lesson 4. 60 minutes.
- **2:10-3:10pm** – Lesson 5. 60 minutes.
- **3.10pm** – Home, clubs, or detentions

Times in **bold & red** are when the lesson starts; any pupil arriving after this time will be recorded as late.

Uniform

Please ensure your child attends school in the correct uniform. If in doubt, please visit our website by clicking [here](#).

Let the reading challenge begin.....

All pupils have had an assembly this week on the importance of reading.

Studies have shown that pupils that read more are more likely to be successful in their exams and in their chosen careers.

In order to support pupils and give them an opportunity to read, all KS3 pupils enter the bookmark challenge. Their aim is to read the 6 books on their bookmark by the end of the year.

All pupils who complete the challenge will enter a prize draw for Amazon vouchers.

Good luck and Happy Reading!



College Open Evenings for year 11 students

Please click [here](#) for information on College open days/evenings. Should you and your child wish to attend, please visit each college's website for full details and to book a place where required.

Warmest regards,

Handwritten signature of Rorick Houghton.

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Headteacher

We're always keen to do things better at HHS; please do let us know of things we do well and things we need to improve. The best lines of communication for individual issues are through form teachers or subject teachers. You can also contact us via admin@hydehighschool.uk for more general queries where these can be passed on to the best person to deal with them.