



8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

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## A Message from Mr Houghton

A warm welcome to Hyde High School for our new and returning students, parents, and carers. I'm really proud and humbled to introduce myself to you as the new headteacher at HHS. Having been appointed to my first job at "Hyde Tec" by Mr Cooke in 1997 and then later returning to HCC as Deputy Head to work with Mrs Spence and then Mrs Radcliffe, I have a deep and longstanding passion for our school and the community it serves. I am committed to working with all our staff, students, and parents to achieve the very best outcomes for every single one of our fantastic students, both academically and socially.

This year, we're going to insist on getting the small things right, like attendance, punctuality, behaviour and uniform. This is so the big priority, LEARNING, can be our main focus. I know, as parents/carers, you will support us in ensuring that your child comes to school on time and equipped to learn, so that everybody, everyday can be happy, healthy, and successful.

Often children can be given a bad press; I really don't understand this! Our children are exposed to increasing pressures and barriers imposed on them by modern society, yet they continue to astound us with their resilience, hard work, and their care for others. As long as we all continue to value, respect, challenge, and support them then I am certain that the children in our care will make outstanding progress and society will benefit from the marvellous young adults they will become.

As a school, we value your thoughts and opinions so please do communicate with us directly if there are issues you think we need to know about. Form tutors are the first point of contact for individual issues and the school admin email address can be found at the front of the new student planners for wider school issues.

Please can I also take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of those students who have made an amazing start this week at HHS. I have visited many lessons and it is clear that our children are working hard and following our rules of Ready, Respectful, Safe. They look incredibly smart and professional with all their equipment ready to learn. Most importantly they are engaged and enthusiastic and this makes me really proud.

My one ambition is to develop HHS into an outstanding school for the children of our community. I know that we can only do this with the help and support of our parents/carers and I am really looking forward to working with you.

Warmest regards,

Rorick Houghton  
Headteacher

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## Congratulations to the class of 2023!



A huge 'well done' to last years' year 11 many of whom achieved fantastic results this August, and secured places at college or on apprenticeships. We're all really proud of how hard they worked and wish them all the best as they continue on the next stages of their education.



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## A cash free school

We have updated our school systems over summer so **pupils will no longer be able to put money onto their dinner cards by bringing cash into school** - all credits must be made via ParentPay. If you have not yet logged on to ParentPay and have lost your login details, please contact school as soon as possible via [admin@hydehighschool.uk](mailto:admin@hydehighschool.uk) putting ParentPay in the subject line.

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## Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

NHS nurses are coming into school from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> to administer HPV immunisations for students for whom we have received written consent. If you haven't returned your child's HPV consent form, please do so as a matter of urgency. Blank forms can be obtained from reception and student services. For more information about HPV immunisations, click [HERE](#).

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## Welcome to new staff

We welcome our new members of staff:

**Miss Butler** – Head of Maths

**Mrs Harley** – Head of Science

**Mrs Reveley** – Teacher of English (and lead for The Harbour)

**Mr Robinson** – Teacher of English

**Mrs Islam** – Teacher of Science

**Miss Thorp** – Reset Manager

There were a number of internal promotions towards the end of last year. Updated roles and responsibilities can be found on our website.

As always, we ask that parents and carers kindly make an appointment should they wish to speak to someone in particular as staff are timetabled throughout each day and so are not always available at short notice.

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## Term dates 2023-24

To help families with planning ahead, here is a summary of our term dates for this academic year with additional closures (e.g. INSET days) included. Term dates are always available on our website under the 'calendar' section of our menu. All school events are on our school calendar available by clicking [HERE](#).

### **Autumn Term**

Monday 4th September 2023	INSET DAY 1: School closed to students
Tuesday 5th September 2023	Students return to school
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Students finish for the half term holiday
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Students return to school

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	<i>SCHOOL CLOSED: School closed to staff and students</i>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	<i>INSET DAY 2: School closed to students</i>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Students finish for Christmas
<b><u>Spring Term</u></b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Students return to school
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Students finish for the half term holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Students return to school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<i>INSET DAY 3: School closed to students</i>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Students finish for Easter
<b><u>Summer Term</u></b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Students return to school
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	<i>MAY BANK HOLIDAY: School closed to staff and students</i>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Students finish for the half term holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Students return to school
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	School closes for summer

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## Contact Details

Just a reminder that we do need up to date contact details just in case we have to get in touch with parents or carers urgently. If you have changed your mobile number or email address, please do let us know as soon as possible. Many thanks!

Have a wonderful weekend!