



5th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new school year; we're looking forward to a really positive term!

Huge congratulations to the class of 2022 who achieved a FANTASTIC set of exam results; some of the best we've ever had! After so much disruption to their education, they worked SO hard during their final year and their commitment and dedication have really paid off. Against a national picture of falling results, Team Hyde have achieved the opposite and I am so very proud of them and the staff who worked tirelessly to make this happen!

One or two reminders as we get back into action...

School Uniform.

All pupils are now expected to wear their blazer every day, including over their kit on PE days. Many pupils have been doing this for two years now and find that it helps to remember dinner cards, timetables, inhalers etc rather than having to swap them out on PE days. Blazers will also add a layer of warmth in the chillier weather. We will trial this change for the autumn term and will then talk to pupils about how it has worked.

Plain black school shoes only please, trainers are not accepted and the Headteacher's decision on what is/is not classed as a 'trainer' is final. Canvas shoes are not allowed - as a rule of thumb, if you can't polish it, it's not a shoe.

A reminder that jewellery is not allowed in school at all.

Some staffing changes:

We have been busy recruiting during the summer and there are some key changes that you may need to know, including to the Head of Year team.

Year 7 - Mrs Millington

Year 8 - Mrs Selby-Shore

Year 9 - Miss Tompson (starting later in September and so in the meantime, please contact Mrs Millington or Mr Broderick)

Year 10 - Mr Buckley

Year 11 - Mrs Addison

Our new **Pastoral Deputy Headteacher** (behaviour, welfare and personal development) is **Mr Carey**

Our new **Child Protection/Safeguarding Officer** is **Miss Halliday**; she is the school's day-to-day contact for any safeguarding issues and will support pupils and families previously working with Mrs Dawber.

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.

Term Dates 2022-23

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.

Pupil Days	
Autumn Term Thursday 1st September 2022 INSET DAY 1 (School closed to pupils). Friday 2nd September 2022 - Term starts for pupils. Friday 21st October 2022 pupils finish for the half term holiday HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022 Monday 31st October 2022 pupils return to school Friday 25th November 2022 SCHOOL CLOSED: School closed to staff and pupils Monday 28th November 2022 INSET DAY 2: School closed to pupils Friday 16th December 2022 pupils finish for Christmas CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - Monday 19th December 2022 to Tuesday 3rd January 2023	69
Spring Term Wednesday 4th January 2023 pupils return to school Friday 10th February 2023 INSET DAY 3: School closed to pupils Friday 17th February 2023 pupils finish for the half term holiday HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February 2023 Monday 27th February 2023 pupils return to school Friday 31st March 2023 pupils finish for Easter EASTER HOLIDAY - Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023	57
Summer Term Monday 17th April 2023 pupils return to school Monday 1st May 2023 MAY BANK HOLIDAY: School closed to staff and pupils Friday 26th May 2023 pupils finish for the half term holiday HALF TERM HOLIDAY - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023 Monday 5th June 2023 pupils return to school Friday 21st July 2023 School closes for summer	64
Total pupil days	190

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!

Times of Day

As mentioned before the summer, we have lengthened our school day slightly this year to ensure that we are squeezing in as much learning time as possible.

Pupils in **Years 7, 8 and 9 must be in their form room by 8:35am** and pupils in **Years 10 and 11 by 8:40am**. Please support us by ensuring that your child is punctual to school every day so that we can have a prompt and effective start.

We are looking forward to forging ahead this year without the impact of mass testing and long self-isolation periods. Attendance at school is more important than ever and we had more pupils with 100% attendance last year than ever before - superstars!

As we begin the 2022-23 school year and welcome our new cohort of Year 7 pupils to the team, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support for your child and for our school.

Best wishes for a happy and successful year,

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