

# **CONNECT WITH THE HART**

**29 March 2018**



In response to feedback received from parents and carers for improved communication between school and home, we have developed 'Connect With The Hart', a weekly newsletter which will be available via email and the school's website. Our intention is to keep you up-to-date with developments regarding five key areas of school life: achievement matters; effective learning; promoting high expectations; moving onto one site update and school events for the coming weeks.

## **Achievement matters**

All students at the Hart School will experience PPEs (pre-public examinations, often called 'mock exams') throughout the year. There are many reasons why we ask pupils to sit PPEs – these are outlined below and have been shared with the pupils:-

- PPE results help a teacher find out what a pupil knows, where are the gaps in knowledge and then plan lessons to address these gaps in learning.
- PPE results helps inform a pupil's overall grade for the qualification (along with coursework) at a moment in time.
- PPE results inform a teacher whether to ask a pupil to engage in intervention (after school, Saturdays, holidays) to assist with addressing gaps in learning.
- PPE results help a teacher decide which exam tier a pupil should take in the actual summer exams.
- PPE results are sent to parents so they may congratulate their son/daughter on their journey to success or support them to improve.

## **Effective learning**

Teachers have been sharing and experimenting with teaching ideas and resources around using pictures, images and video to inspire students. Teachers attended some workshops recently that were run by our specialists on these areas.

We also looked at how we can ask deep questions to students to draw out deep responses by students. Heads of Faculty and Senior Leaders are currently visiting lessons to review the impact of these strategies on students' progress.

## **Promoting high expectations**

Since Christmas, there has been a clear focus on raising the expectations of pupils. This has been communicated daily, through assemblies, as well as launching The Hart School Behaviour Framework. This information was sent to all parents/carers recently; however, if you have not received a copy, please contact the school.

Classroom standards – all students are expected to:-

1. Arrive on time with all necessary equipment
2. Wear the school uniform correctly
3. Line up patiently without talking
4. Enter the classroom in a calm and sensible manner and sit according to the seating plan
5. Be respectful and polite at all times
6. Use 'Miss' and 'Sir' when addressing a member of staff
7. Adhere to the teacher's working conditions at all times
8. Follow all requests promptly

9. Actively listen when the teacher is speaking and to others when they are contributing to the lesson
10. Remain in the classroom unless they have an issued pass
11. Not use mobile phones under any circumstances
12. Apply their very best effort to every task

Alongside this we have also launched Class Charts, which records positive and negative behaviour. Parents/carers will receive an individual login for their child, to enable them to track their child's behaviour in school.

Please can all parents/carers support the school by displaying a copy of the framework at home and regularly checking the Class Charts App. Should you wish to discuss your child's behaviour further, please contact the school.

### One site update

Preparations are underway for the move to one site from 1 September 2018.

The first steering group meeting has taken place with senior leaders of the school, Directors of CET and members of the Academy Council in attendance. Eight work streams have been set up and a steering group lead allocated to each work stream. A school-based project manager is currently drafting a programme plan with key actions and timescales from each of the work streams. Progress will be communicated via this newsletter regularly.

In order to share The Hart School and CET one site vision, Q&A events have taken place and your comments and concerns have been noted. Your opinions and suggestions are important; please continue to use the dedicated email address: [feedback@hartschool.org.uk](mailto:feedback@hartschool.org.uk)

### Events

Date	Event
Easter Intervention Sessions for Y11 students	Please see school website for full details
Tuesday 17 April and Thursday 19 April	Y10 Geography fieldwork, Peak District
Thursday 19 April	Progress Surgery for all year groups
Saturday 21 April and Sunday 22 April	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition Training

As always, if any parents/carers would like a telephone conversation with any of their child's teachers, or should you have any concerns that you wish to speak to our pastoral team about, contact Lower School on 01889 802440 or Upper School on 01889 571680

Best wishes,



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